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OLE! — A SPANISH TREBLE?

SPANISH football is on course for a unique European treble.

No country has ever boasted holding all three continental club trophies simultaneously. But Spain are within sight of that achievement with Barcelona in the Champions' Cup final, Atletico Madrid in the Cup-winners' Cup final and defending title-holders Real Madrid again in the UEFA Cup final.

Barcelona's path to the final in Seville against rank outsiders Steaua Bucharest will enter European football legend. Beaten 3-0 by IFK in Sweden, they recovered to pull level on aggregate in their Camp Nou stadium thanks to a hat-trick from perpetual, talented reserve Pichi Alonso.

In the penalty shoot-out it was the turn of goalkeeper Javier Urruti to take over the hero's mantle. At one stage in the series IFK led 4-2. Then Urruti saved one penalty, converted another himself and Barcelona won 5-4 — coach Terry Venables being hoisted on the shoulders of his delighted players in the centre of the pitch.

Atletico Madrid did well to defeat Bayer Uerdingen of West Germany both home and away in the semi-finals of the Cup-winners' Cup which they won in 1962. They face another former title-holder, Kiev Dynamo of the Soviet Union.

In the UEFA Cup it was Real Madrid's turn to shine again. Beaten 3-1 away by old foes Internazionale of Milan in the semi-final first leg — 'thanks' to a last-minute own goal by defender Jose Salguero — Madrid recovered in their own Bernabeu stadium as only they know how.

Mexico's World Cup spearhead Hugo Sanchez converted two penalties and Real won 5-1 in extra time, thanks to two more goals from everlasting veteran centre-forward Carlos Santillana. Madrid now face Köln. The West Germans qualified for their first-ever European final after failing six times at the semi-final stage.

On the domestic scene in Spain, Real Madrid ended as champions, a record 11 points clear of runners-up Barcelona. Both teams lost their last match by 5-3, Madrid to Real Sociedad, and Barcelona against neighbours Español after Bernd Schuster missed a penalty. Bilboa finished third while Madrid's Sanchez was top league scorer for the second successive season — this time with 22 goals.

● IN BELGIUM . . . Anderlecht and Club Brugge must play off for the title in two home-and-away matches after finishing the season level on points . . . IN PORTUGAL . . . Porto retained their title after rivals Benfica lost their last game 1-0 to Boavista.

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COVER PICTURE . . . this month is Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, star of West Germany and of UEFA Cup semi-finalists Internazionale of Milan, who face Tottenham in the Ossie Ardiles testimonial at White Hart Lane on May 1. Rummenigge will captain his country in Mexico, hoping for better personal luck than in the UEFA Cup.

***APOLOGIES . . . to all those readers who have sent their queries and questions in for our Information Desk. Pressure of World Cup coverage means this feature has been suspended temporarily. But it will be back after the World Cup finals.**

ANOTHER black market betting scandal has erupted in Italy and, with the national team beginning its World Cup defence in four weeks, it could not have been uncovered at a more sensitive time.

The scandal has stemmed from police investigations into match-fixing activities by the notorious bosses of the officially illegal football betting syndicates known as Totonero.

Already some 60 football officials have been warned that statements will be required and that legal action could follow. Among them are Italo Allodi, controversial former general manager of Internazionale and Juventus and now with Napoli, Franco Janich (Bari) and Franco Dan Cin (formerly Inter and Udinese).

A lengthy list of matches are now subject to investigation, many in the first division. Federation president Federico Sordillo has stated that none of the Italian national team squad players are subject to criminal allegations. But, since this is a police inquiry not a sporting one, he is not necessarily privy to all the relevant information.

One police spokesman said: "It looks as if this could be just the tip of the iceberg."

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Keir Radnedge previews the 1986 European Cup Final

Catalonia triumph?

THERE is no conceivable alternative ... it has to be Barcelona, to claim their first-ever Champions' Cup when they confront Steaua Bucharest, the first Rumanian club ever to reach a European final.

A football match at any level is a contest between 11 men on each side and so, in theory, both have chances to win. But it is desperately hard to make out any sort of a case for Steaua, the army club once known as CCA.

The Estadio Sanchez Pizjuan, where France and West Germany played out that dramatic World Cup semi-final four years ago, will again be jam-packed; the atmosphere will be electric. But all, the enthusiasm and all the noise will be generated towards one end: to lift Barcelona to victory.

British media hype will inevitably make Barcelona coach Terry Venables the key figure in all of this. But he is, to put it all into perspective, a bit player. What matters most in Catalonia is not that some individual stamps his personality on the occasion, but that Barcelona The Club is the winner.

Barcelona is, as we have stated many times before and will no doubt have cause to do so again, the flagship of Catalonia. It is the symbol of the province, a symbol too of resistance to general government which made the eternal rivalry with Real Madrid a matter of such passionate hatred during the Franco years.

It is remarkable that Barcelona, one of the world's richest and domestically most powerful clubs, have never won the Champions' Cup. Just as it was remarkable that Juventus, last year, came to that so tragic final against Liverpool with the same gap in their honours list.

The absence of English fans at least, would appear to provide some guarantee of safety at the final this time. But the memories of the Heysel disaster are still fresh in many minds and this 1986 final could be one step along the path to happier days in European football.

Could be ... but that depends not so much on Barcelona but on Steaua. For too many years now we have witnessed cat-and-mouse finals. Matches in which the fear of losing overcame the skill and style available to the various teams involved. No-one doubts that Barcelona, in Julio Alberto, Victor, controversial Bernd Schuster, Steve Archibald and Jose Carrasco, have a high level of talent. But whether it will shine or be tarnished depends upon the Rumanian attitude.

Players such as Coras, Hagi, Camataru, Balaci and the Steaua midfielder Ladislau Bölöni are well worth places on a shortlist for any idealised European XI. But Rumanian teams, by contrast with a handful of individuals, are not so likeable. A negative, defensive attitude developed to suit a succession of hard, rugged defenders has restricted the attacking ability occasionally glimpsed in clubs such as Steaua, Dinamo Bucharest and Universitatea Craiova as well as the national team.

Steaua will play it tight in Seville. They will have no option. Their priority is to withstand the battering they will receive both from Barcelona and from the noise of the crowd. That defensive strength should not be underrated. It was enough to shut out Anderlecht for most of the time in the semi-final and that is no mean achievement — even if their other victories, over Vejle, Honved and Kuusysi Lahti were carved out of Europe's "second division."

Barcelona, on the other hand, have had it tough almost all the way. Sparta Prague were their least complex opponents, in the opening round. Yet even they possessed the nerve to snatch a victory in front of Barcelona's own fans which was offset only thanks to the away goals rule.

It was that same rule which saw Venables and Co safety to victory over the unpredictable but talented Porto in the second round. But that Barcelona can **themselves defend when they** need to was illustrated in the defeat of European champions Juventus by the narrowest of margins in the quarter-finals. Barga's powers of recovery were then demonstrated in the comeback against IFK Gothenburg.

After that victory, it would be **little wonder if the Barcelona** players believed their name has already been engraved on Europe's most prestigious club trophy. With all due respect to Steaua — to keeper Ducadam, schemer Bölöni and lightning-sharp strikers Lacatus and Piturca — it's hard for neutrals **to think anything else either.**

BARCELONA v. STEAUA BUCHAREST

May 7 in Seville (Estadio Sanchez Pizjuan)

Javier Urruti	G	Helmut Ducadam
Jose Sanchez	D	Stefane Iovan
Migueli	D	Adrian Bumbescu
Jose Ramon Alesanco	D	Miodrag Belodedici
Julio Alberto	D	Ilie Barbulescu
Victor	M	Lunian Balan
Bernd Schuster	M	Tudorei Stoica
Ramon Caldere	M	Ladislau Boloni
Esteban	M	Gavrilla Balint
Steve Archibald	A	Marius Lacatus
Jose Carrasco	A	Victor Piturca
Terry Venables	Coach	Emerich Jenei

Cup Winners' Cup: 1979, 1982.
Fairs' Cup: 1958, 1960, 1966.
Spanish league: 10 titles.
Spanish Cup: 20 titles (before this season).
Spanish league cup: 1.

Rumanian league: 10 titles.
Rumanian Cup: 14 titles.

HOW THEY GOT THERE

BARCELONA
2-1 A v Sparta Prague — Clos 2
0-1 H v Sparta Prague
2-2 agg qual on away goals
2-0 H v Porto — Marcos, Schuster
1-3 A v Porto — Archibald
3-3 agg, qual. on away goals
1-0 H v Juventus — Julio Alberto
1-1 A v Juventus — Archibald
2-1 On agg
0-3 A v IFK Gothenburg
3-0 H v Gothenburg — Alonso 3
5-4 on pens, 3-3 agg
Scorers: Alonso 3, Archibald and Close 2 each, Julio Alberto, Marcos and Schuster 1 each.

STEAUA BUCHAREST
1-1 A v Vejle — Radu
4-1 H v Vejle — Piturca, Bölöni, Balint, Stoica
5-2 of agg
0-1 A v Honved
4-1 H v Honved — Piturca, Lacatus
4-2 on agg Barbulescu, Majaru
0-0 H v Kuusysi Lahti
1-0 A v Kuusysi — Piturca
1-0 on agg
0-1 A v Anderlecht
3-0 H v Anderlecht — Piturca 2, Balint
3-1 on agg
Scorers: Piturca 5, Balint 2, Barbulescu, Boloni, Lacatus, Majaru, Radu and Stoica 1 each.

PREVIOUS FINALS

1956: Real Madrid bt Reims 4-3 (in Paris).
1957: Real Madrid bt Fiorentina 2-0 (in Madrid).
1958: Real Madrid bt Milan 3-2 aet (in Brussels).
1959: Real Madrid bt Reims 2-0 (in Stuttgart).
1960: Real Madrid bt Eintracht Frankfurt 7-3 (in Glasgow).
1961: Benfica bt Barcelona 3-2 (in Bern).
1962: Benfica bt Real Madrid 5-3 (in Amsterdam).
1963: Milan bt Benfica 2-1 (at Wembley).
1964: Internazionale bt Real Madrid 3-1 (in Vienna).
1965: Internazionale bt Benfica 1-0 (in Milan).
1966: Real Madrid bt Partizan Belgrade 2-1 (in Brussels).
1967: Celtic bt Internazionale 2-1 (in Lisbon).
1968: Manchester United bt Benfica 4-1 aet (at Wembley).
1969: Milan bt Ajax Amsterdam 4-1 (in Madrid).
1970: Feyenoord bt Celtic 2-1 aet (in Milan).
1971: Ajax bt Panathinaikos 2-0 (at Wembley).
1972: Ajax bt Internazionale 2-0 (in Rotterdam).
1973: Ajax bt Juventus 1-0 (in Belgrade).
1974: Bayern Munich and Atletico Madrid 0.
Replay: Bayern 4, Atletico Madrid 0.
1975: Bayern Munich bt Leeds United 2-0 (in Paris).
1976: Batern Munich bt Saint-Etienne 1-0 (in Glasgow).
1977: Liverpool bt Borussia Mönchengladbach 3-1 (in Rome).
1978: Liverpool bt Club Brugge 1-0 (at Wembley).
1979: Nottingham Forest bt Malmö FF 1-0 (in Munich).
1980: Nottingham Forest bt Hamburg 1-0 (in Madrid).
1981: Liverpool bt Real Madrid 1-0 (in Paris).
1982: Aston Villa bt Bayern Munich 1-0 (in Rotterdam).
1983: Hamburg bt Juventus 1-0 (in Athens).
1984: Liverpool and Roma 1-1 (in Rome). Liverpool 4-2 on penalties.
1985: Juventus bt Liverpool 1-0 (in Brussels).
Winners: 6 — Real Madrid, 4 — Liverpool, 3 — Ajax Amsterdam, Bayern Munich, 2 — Benfica, Internazionale, Milan, Nottingham Forest, 1 — Aston Villa, Celtic, Feyenoord, Hamburg, Juventus, Manchester United.

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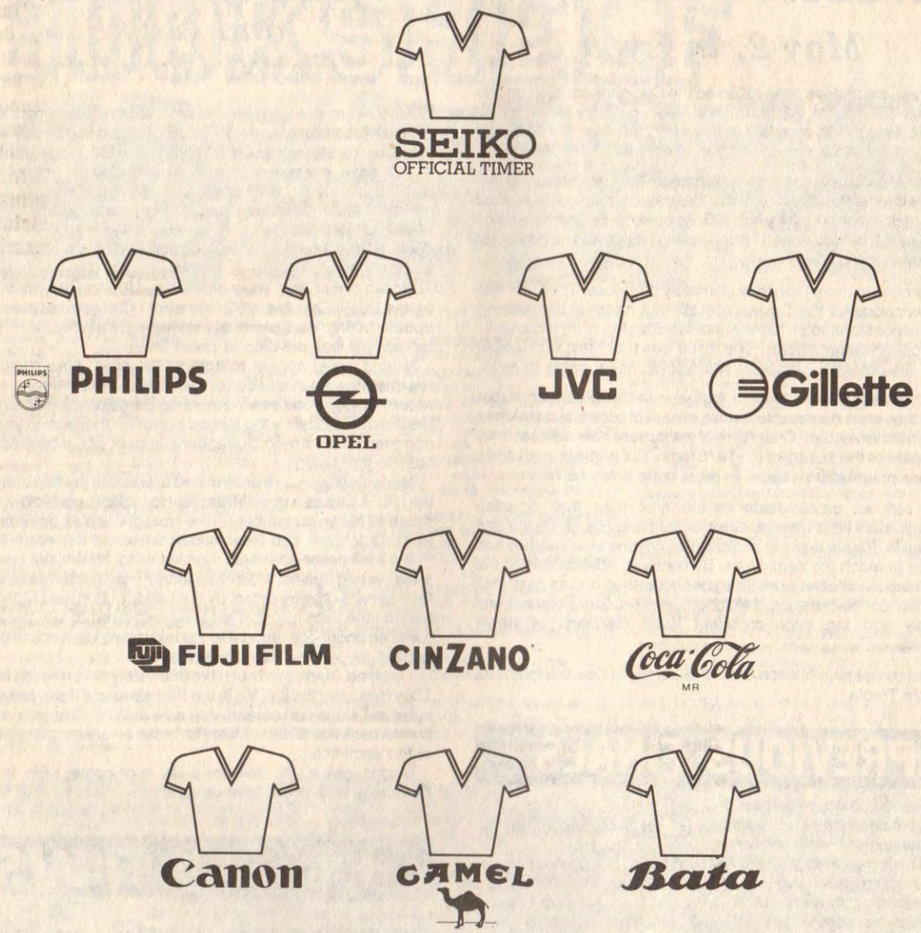

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CUP WINNERS' CUP

KIEV DYNAMO v ATLETICO MADRID

May 2, in Lyon

ONLY three clubs have ever collected the Cup-winners' Cup on two occasions: Anderlecht, Barcelona and Milan. But they are certain to be joined by a fourth member of this elite club after the first-ever European final to be staged in Lyon, writes KEIR RADNEDGE.

Atletico Madrid last won the trophy back in 1962, in the days of that fine left-wing partnership of Joaquin Peiro and Enrique Collar; Kiev last won much more recently, in 1975, when wingers Onishenko and Oleg Blokhin ripped apart the fragile Hungarian defence of Ferencvaros

Kiev promised more than they ultimately produced. Their skill and rhythm encouraged the Soviet federation to heap all the national team's responsibilities on to their shoulders on top of their domestic and European commitments. The result was that Kiev, who looked in 1975 like potential European champions, never came through.

They did beat Bayern Munich that year in the European Super Cup but they were destined to remain a team of potential rather than long-term achievement. Observers of the current Kiev side say they do not possess the artistry of the 1975 team. But a little less art and a little more pragmatism seems to have done them no harm.

They had an easier route to the final than their Spanish opponents. Kiev beat Utrecht, Craiova, a fading Rapid Vienna and then a Dukla Prague team as surprised as anyone else that they had managed to reach the semi-finals. By contrast, Atletico started out by defeating the challenge of Glasgow Celtic, then had an easy task against Bangor before superb victories over Red Star Belgrade and the lively and the super-confident West Germans of Bayer Uerdingen.

On that basis I take Atletico to win the first leg of Spanish football's Incredible Treble.

PREVIOUS FINALS

1961: Fiorentina beat Rangers 2-0, 2-1.
1962: Atletico Madrid and Fiorentina 1-1 aet (in Glasgow). Replay: Atletico Madrid 3, Fiorentina 0 (in Stuttgart).
1963: Tottenham Hotspur beat Atletico Madrid 5-1 (in Rotterdam).
1964: Sporting (Portugal) and MTK Budapest 3-3 (in Brussels). Replay: Sporting 1, MTK Budapest 0 (in Antwerp).
1965: West Ham United beat TSV 1860 Müchen 2-0 (at Wembley).
1966: Borussia Dortmund beat Liverpool 2-1 aet (in Glasgow).
1967: Bayern Dortmund beat Rangers 1-0 aet (in Nuremberg).
1968: Milan beat Hamburg 2-0 (in Rotterdam).
1969: Slovan Bratislava beat Barcelona 3-2 (in Basel).
1970: Manchester City beat Gornik Zabrze 2-1 (in Vienna).
1971: Chelsea and Real Madrid 1-1 aet (in Athens). Replay: Chelsea beat Real Madrid 2-1.
1972: Rangers beat Dynamo Moscow 3-2 (in Barcelona).
1973: Milan beat Leeds United 1-0 (in Salonika).
1974: Magdeburg beat Milan 2-0 (in Rotterdam).
1975: Dynamo Kiev beat Ferencváros 3-0 (in Basel).
1976: Anderlecht beat West Ham United 4-2 (in Brussels).
1977: Hamburg beat Anderlecht 2-0 (in Amsterdam).
1978: Anderlecht beat FK Austria 4-0 (in Paris).
1979: Barcelona beat Fortuna Düsseldorf 4-3 aet (in Basel).
1980: Valencia and Arsenal 0-0; Valencia 4-3 on penalties (in Brussels).
1981: Dynamo Tbilisi beat Carl Zeiss Jena 2-1 (in Düsseldorf).
1982: Barcelona beat Standard Liège 2-1 (in Barcelona).
1983: Aberdeen beat Real Madrid 2-1 aet (in Gothenburg).
1984: Juventus beat Porto 2-1 (in Basel).
1985: Everton beat Rapid Vienna 3-1

UEFA CUP FINAL

REAL MADRID v KOLN

April 30 (in Spain) and May 8 (in W. Germany)

IT MAY seem strange, considering all Köln's problems this season, but Real Madrid's defence of the UEFA Cup could be the weak link in the Spanish attempt to lift a remarkable European treble.

Köln have, it is true, been struggling to stay out of the Bundesliga relegation zone for most of the season; coach Hannes Löhr left in mid-term and then morale was doubly upset first when star winger Pierre Littbarski suffered a serious ankle injury, then when he declared his intention of leaving for Racing Club of Paris at the season's end.

On top of that, they were ordered by UEFA to play their return leg of this UEFA Cup final 200 miles from Cologne because of crowd trouble during the semi-final first leg against Belgium's Waregem (an appeal was pending at press time).

Madrid would appear to hold all the aces. Also, they have just regained the Spanish title for the first time in six years, and with a record 11-point lead over runners-up Barcelona. Mexican star Hugo Sanchez was Spain's top league scorer for the second year in a row and precocious Emilio Butragueno is back at his best after a quiet start to the season.

Madrid's players are determined to become the first team to retain the UEFA Cup as a farewell present for coach Luis Molowny. He is to return to his favoured, out-of-the-limelight role as general manager when Dutchman Leo Beenhakker arrives in the summer.

But it will not be so simple. For one thing, Madrid are never at their ease playing against a German team. That much was obvious from their nervy 5-1 away defeat by the hands of Borussia Mönchengladbach in the third round. That they recovered to win the return 4-0 owed an enormous amount to the talismanic influence of playing the second leg in their Estadio Bernabeu.

This time, Madrid will not have that safety net on which to fall back. They must play the first leg in the Bernabeu and then, assuming they achieved some sort of lead, defend it in West Germany without top centre-back Manuel Sanchis who broke an ankle against Inter Milan in the semi-finals.

Madrid look a little delicate away from home. Köln, in their first European final, could take advantage — despite themselves.

● KEIR RADNEDGE

PREVIOUS FINALS

Fairs' Cup
1958: Barcelona beat London XI, 6-0. **1960:** Barcelona beat Birmingham City 0-0, 4-1. **1961:** Roma beat Birmingham City 2-2, 2-0. **1962:** Valencia beat Barcelona 6-2, 1-1. **1963:** Valencia beat Dinamo Zagreb 2-1, 2-0. **1964:** Zaragoza beat Valencia 2-1 (in Barcelona). **1965:** Ferencváros beat Juventus 1-0 (in Turin). **1966:** Barcelona beat Zaragoza 0-1, 4-2. **1967:** Dinamo Zagreb beat Leeds United 2-0, 0-0. **1968:** Leeds United beat Ferencväros 1-0, 0-0. **1969:** Newcastle United beat Ujpest Dozsa 3-0, 3-2. **1970:** Arsenal beat Anderlecht 1-3, 3-0. **1971:** Leeds and Juventus 2-2, 1-1; Leeds on away goals rule.

UEFA Cup
1972: Tottenham Hotspur beat Wolverhampton Wanderers 2-1, 1-1.
1973: Liverpool beat Borussia Mönchengladbach 3-0, 0-2.
1974: Feyenoord beat Tottenham Hotspur 2-2, 2-0.
1975: Borussia Mönchengladbach beat Twente Enschede 0-0, 5-1.
1976: Liverpool beat Club Brugge 3-2, 1-1.
1977: Juventus and Athletic Bilboa 1-0, 1-2; Juventus on away goals rule.
1978: PSV Eindhoven beat Bastia 0-0, 3-0.
1979: Borussia Mönchengladbach beat Red Star Belgrade 1-1, 1-0.
1980: Eintracht Frankfurt and Borussia Mönchengladbach 2-3, 1-0; Eintracht on away goals rule.
1981: Ipswich beat AZ'67 Alkmaar 3-0, 2-4.
1982: IFK Gothenburg beat Hamburg 1-0, 3-0.
1983: Anderlecht beat Benfica 1-0, 1-1.
1984: Tottenham Hotspur and Anderlecht 1-1, 1-1; Tottenham 4-3 on penalties.
1985: Real Madrid beat Videoton 3-0, 0-1.

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The road to the Euro-finals

CHAMPIONS' CUP

Quarter-finals, 1st legs (all Mar 5)

Aberdeen 2 (Miller 15, Hewitt 79)
IFK Gothenburg 2 (Tord Holmgren 43, Ekström 89)qHT: 1-1. **Att:** 22,000. **Ref:** Pauly (WG).
Aberdeen: Gunn — Cooper, Angus, Stark, McLeish, W. Miller, Black, Simpson (McKimmie 55), J. Miller (Hewitt 70), Bett, Weir.
IFK: Wernersson — Svensson, Hysen, P. Larsson, Fredriksson, R. Nilsson Pettersson, Tord Holmgren Tommy Holmgren, Ekström, T. Nilsson.

IFK had not played a league match for more than four months because of the Swedish close season. But they looked far from rusty once they had overcome the initial shock of a return to competitive football. Aberdeen had to replace Scotland keeper Jim Leighton just before the start because of eye trouble but all the early action was at the other end. Referee Pauly ignored early claims for an Aberdeen penalty after Willie Miller went down in the first minute in the IFK box. Angus, Miller and Stark all kept Thomas Wernerson busy until, in the 15th minute, Miller — in his 50th European tie — hit a fine goal after collecting a through pass from Peter Weir. Aberdeen's concentration began to slip just before half-time and Tord Holmgren equalised with a neatly-taken goal after Jonny Ekström got away from Alex McLeish. It wasn't until the 79th minute that Aberdeen found their way again. Gunn made two brave saves when Ekström went clear befroe the Scots went back into the lead. Gunn was the architect, with a long clearance which escaped the IFK defence and substitute John Hewitt ran onto the ball to score. That appeared to be decisive until, in the closing minutes, Ekström was allowed to run clear of the slack Scottish defence yet again and this time he made no mistake.

Barcelona 1 (Julio Alberto 82)
Juventus 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 120,000. **Ref:** Fredriksson (Swe).
Barcelona: Urruti — Gerardo, Migueli, Julio Alberto, Victor, Alesanco, Carrasco (Moratalla 48), Pedraza, Amarilla, Archibald, Esteban (Manolo 45).
Juventus: Tacconi — Favero, Cabrini, Bonini, Brio, Scirea, Mauro, Manfredonia, Briaschi (Paccione 22; Caricola 85), Platini, Laudrup.

Terry Venables' injury-hit Barcelone achieved a slender victory thanks to a late goal from international defender Julio Alberto hit through a forest of legs from 25 yards after European champions Juventus had half-hit a clearance following a free kick for a foul on half-fit Steve Archibald. Juventus had played some fine controlled football before then with goalkeeper Tacconi, sweeper Scirea and attacking co-ordinator Platini their stars. The early injury to striker Massimo Briaschi, coming on top of spearhead Aldo Serena's suspension, blunted their threat on the break however. Platini and Laudrup caused Barsa problems, but the Spanish champions had their moments. Inexperienced Pedraza grazed the post in the first minute and Victor forced a fine save from Tacconi soon after. In the second half Archibald wasted a fine chance before Julio Alberto's goal. Venables said: "I don't know if one goal will be enough in Turin — but I'm sure glad it went in."

Bayern Munich 2 (Hoeness 13, Wohlfarth 32)
Anderlecht 1 (Andersen 72)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Hackett (Eng).
Bayern: Aumann — Eder, Augenthaler, Pflügler — Nachtweih, Matthäus, Lerby, Willmer — Wohlfarth, Hoeness (Hartmann 71), M. Rummenigge.
Anderlecht: Munaron — Peruzovic (De Greef 71), Olsen, Demol, De Groote — Grun (Vandenbergh 77), Scifo, Vandereycken, Andersen — Lozano, Frimann.

Bayern should have done better after going two-up in little more than half an hour. They wasted a string of chances as they continually beat the Belgians' offside trap. Wohlfarth broke clear on the right to present Dieter Hoeness with Bayern's opening goal, then collected the second himself. Bayern kept on pushing forward throughout the second half but when they appeared poised to add to their lead, Anderlecht's Danish midfielder Henrik Andersen pulled back a vital away goal for Arie Haan's Belgian champions.

Steaua Bucharest 0
Kuusysi Lahti 0
Att: 13,000. **Ref:** Gächter (Swz).
Steaua: Ducadam — Iovan, Belodedici, Bumbescu, Barbulescu — Balan, T. Stoica, Bölöni, Majaru (Radu II 78) — Balint, Piturca.
Kuusysi: Korhonen — Hanikainen, Pekonen, Jantti, Remes — Rinne, Annunen, Tiainen (Nordman 58), Hudd — Carroll, Kaivonurmi (Puhakainen 79).

The first-ever Finland team to reach the quarter finals of the Champions' Cup had some fine save by goalkeeper Ismo Korhonen to thank as they kept the scoresheet blank on a black day for the Rumanians, clearly ring-rusty after their winter break.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

Quarter-finals, 1st legs (Mar 5)

Dukla Praha 1 (Luhovy 14)
Benfica 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Van Langenhove (Bel).
Dukla: Kostelnik — Klucky, Fiale, Novak, Bazant, Lausman (Kriz 79), Pelc, Rada, Vizek, Korejcik, Luhovy.
Benfica: Bento — Veloso, Samuel, Bastos Lopes, Oliveira, Alvaro, Carlos Manuel, Sheu, Nunes (Rui Aguas 89), Diamantino, Manniche.

Despite this defeat, John Mortimore's Benfica are clear favourites to reach the semi-finals. Dukla sneaked an early lead in the wet and cold conditions through Luhovy. But once Portuguese World Cup star Carlos Manuel had taken control in midfield, Benfica were always more likely to equalise than Dukla to go further ahead. Danish striker Michael Manniche missed the best equalising chance, however, in the 71st minute.

Dynamo Dresden 2 (Lippmann 50, Pilz 62)
Bayer Uerdingen 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 36,000. **Ref:** Quiniou (Fr).
Dresden: Jakubowski — Trautmann, Dörner, Döschner — Häfner, Stübner, Büttner, Pilz — Kirsten, Sammer (Gütschow 68), Lippmann.
Bayer: Vollack — Wöhrlin, Herget, Dämgen — Bommer, Edvaldsson (Raschid 53), W. Funkel, F. Funkel, Klinger, Buttgereit (Brinkmann 89) — Schäfer.

Dresden appeared deceptively within sight of the semi-finals thanks to a pair of second-half goals inside 11 minutes from Frank Lippmann and Uwe Pilz in this East/West German clash.

Rapid Vienna 1 (Willfurth 84)
Kiev Dynamo 4 (Belanov 56, 61, Yaremchuk 68, Yakovenko 74)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 13,000. **Ref:** Vautrot (Fr).
Rapid: Konsel — Lainer (Willfurth 75), Garger, Weber, Brauneder, Kranjcar, Brucic, Kienast, Weinhofer, Halilovic (Hrstic 63), Pacult.
Kiev: Chanov — Bal, Kuznetsov, Baltacha, Demianenko, Yakovenko, Bessonov, Yaremchuk, Ratz, Belanov (Yevtushenko 78), Blokhin.

Kiev, Cup-winners' Cup winners 11 years ago, signalled their ambitions to regain the title when they swept aside Rapid, last season's runners-up. A spell of four goals in 18 minutes settled the issue. Belanov burst through for the first despite Rapid claims for offside, and then he headed in a second goal five minutes later. Yaremchuk made it 3-0 after Rapid keeper Konsel failed to hold the ball, and Yakovenko added the fourth — converting the rebound after his first shot struck a post. Rapid's consolation came from substitute Willfurth six minutes from time.

Red Star Belgrade 0
Atletico Madrid 2 (Da Silva 29, 89)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 80,000. **Ref:** Agnolin (It).
Red Star: Ljukovcan — Krivokapic, Jankovic, Miletovic, Ivanovic, Milojevic (Sugar 74), Nikolic (Djurovic 69), B. Durovski, Musemic, M. Durovski, Mrkela.
At. Madrid: Fillol — Tomas, Villaverde, Arteche, Ruiz, Setien (Rubio 71), Cabrera (Minguez 62), Julio Prieto, Da Silva, Landaburu, Marina.

Red Star were fortunate to get this far after a row over their having fielded an ineligible player in an earlier round. Now their luck at last ran out as Uruguayan World Cup striker Jorge Da Silva struck once in each half to confirm Atletico as favourites to regain the Cup-winners' Cup . . . 24 years after their
last success.

UEFA CUP

Quarter-finals, 1st legs (Mar 5 unless stated)

Hajduk Split 1 (Zlatko Vujovic 9)
Waregem 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Butenko (SU).
Hajduk: Vardovic — Tipuric, Petrovic, Gudelj, Jerolimov, Celic, Zlatko Vujovic, Sliskovic (Petrinovic 80), Zoran Vujovic, Asanovic, Deveric.
Waregem: De Koninck — De Norme, Mauro, De Slover, Decraeye, Millecamps, Görtz, Da Silva, Van Baekel, Desmet (Almos 72), Veyt.

Waregem, the team whose shock win in Italy in the third round was the catalyst for the Milan cash crash, were now in the brink of the semi-finals. Hajduk's transfer-seeking striker Zlatko Vujovic put the Slavs ahead in the tenth minute before a capacity 50,000 crowd. He headed in after a free kick from Asanovic. But that was the only goal and Waregem coach Erben Hesser said: "We are satisfied even with this."

Internazionale 3 (Le Roux own goal 13, Tardelli 61, Rummenigge 78)
Nantes 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** McGinlay (Scot).
Inter: Zenga — Bergomi, Mandorlini, G. Baresi, Collovati, Ferri, Fanna (Marini 89), Tardelli, Altobelli, Brady (Minaudo 83), Rummenigge.
Nantes: Bertrand-Demanes — Kambouare, Ayache, Le Roux, De Zakarian, Bracigliano, Debotte (Frankowski 84), Burruchaga, Halilhodzic, Toure, Amisse (Morice 75).

Inter, struggling to find form in the league under caretaker coach Mario Corso, looked a different side in Europe. Marco Tardelli, out of favour with Italy boss Enzo Bearzot after a poor season, was a key man this time. He gave Sandro Altobelli the pass for the shot which Yvon Le Roux turned into a 13th-minute own goal, and it was Tardelli who scored goal No 2 early in the second half. Kalle Rummenigge, denied a penalty after a 53rd-min trip by Der Zakarian, made amends by heading in a rebound after his own first effort hit the bar, in the 78th minute.

Real Madrid 3 (Hugo Sanchez 32, Michel 66, Butragueno 84)
Xamax Neuchatel 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 90,000. **Ref:** Petrovic (Yug).
Madrid: Agustin (Ochotorena 34) — Chendo, Camacho, Salguero, Sanchis, Juanito (Santillana 72), Butragueno, Michel, Hugo Sanchez, Gallego, Valdano.
Xamax: Engel — Kuffer, Ryf, Forestier, Givens, Perret (Thevenez 85), Mottiez, Hermann, Lüthi, Stielike, Nielsen (Elsener 68).

Uli Stielike, West German World Cup veteran, was a key figure when Madrid won the EUFA Cup a year ago. His return to the Estadio Bernabeu was not a happy one however. He had forecast that "Madrid shoudl beat us easily" — and he was right. Mexican World Cup leader Hugo Sanchez scored the first from close range after Emilio Butragueno squeezed in on the right, after Hermann and Perret failed to clear. Two minutes later Madrid had to replace their keeper when Agustin took a blow in the face. But once Xamax had missed their one good chance — Mottiez shooting tamely wide early in the second half — they sorted themselves out. Valdano and Sanchez laid on No 2 for Michel (Spain scoring thanks to Argentina and Mexico!) Just before the end Butragueno made it 3-0, shooting easily past Engel after beating Forestier. The night ended on a sour note for Stielike: he was booked for dissent after a foul on Santillana.

Sporting Lisbon 1 (Meade 54)
Köln 1 (Klaus Allofs 89 pen)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Courtney (Eng).
Sporting: Damas — Xavier (Romeu 76), Duilio, Virgilio, Mario Jorge, Litos (Jordao 46), Oceano, Jaime Pacheco, Sousa, Manuel Fernandes, Meade.
Köln: Schumacher — Van de Korput, Prestin, Steiner, Pisanti (Janssen 67), Lehnhoff, Geils, Hönerbach, Geilenkirchen, Littbarski (Gielchen 80), Allofs.

Sporting dominated the match but Köln, staggering from one crisis to another at home, hit back with Allofs' last-minute penalty. Harald Schumacher was in spectacular form in the Köln goal to deny the Portuguese. But Sporting finally went ahead when a Raphael Meade shot was deflected home. A minute from the end, to Portuguese protests, referee George Corutney awarded Köln a penalty for a trip by Virgilio on Janssen. Allofs converted the kick at second attempt.

CHAMPIONS' CUP

Quarter-finals, 2nd legs (Mar 19)

Anderlecht 2 (Scifo 42, Frimann 45)
Bayern Munich 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Franco Martinez (Sp).
Anderlecht 3-2 on agg.
Anderlecht: Vekeman — Demol, M. Olsen, Peruzovic (De Groote 59), Andersen — Frimann, Scifo, Vandereycken, Vercauteren — Lozano, Vandenbergh.
Bayern: Pfaff — Nachtweih, Augenthaler, Eder, Pflügler — Willmer (Kögl 75), Lerby, Matthäus, Wohlfarth — D. Hoeness, M. Rummenigge (Hartmann 59).

Anderlecht now appeared poised to reach the final for the first time, coached by old Dutch star Arie Haan, who praised the defence's "grit and determination" for ensuring qualification. The first goal came after a Vercauteren cross was 'killed' by Juan Lozano, and Enzo Scifo beat his Belgian national team keeper, Jean-Marie Pfaff. Just before the interval Lozano crossed, Demol headed against the bar and Denmark's Per Frimann shot home the rebound in a goalmouth scramble. Bayern forced several corners in the second half but were defied by the fine form of Anderlecht reserve keeper Dirk Vekeman, called in after Jaques Munaron was injured in a late training session. Roland Wohlfarth wasted Bayern's best chance when clear with only the keeper to beat. He shot wide of the post. Frimann also cleared off the line.

IFK Gothenburg 0
Aberdeen 0
Att: 44,152. **Ref:** Wöhrer (Aus).
IFK on away goals rule: 2-2 agg.
IFK: Wernersson — Svensson (Kullberg 55), Hysen, P. Larsson. Fredriksson, R. Nilsson, Pettersson, Tord Holmgren, Tommy Holmgren (Johansson 71), Ekström, T. Nilsson.
Aberdeen: Leighton — Mitchell (Stark 65), McLeish, McKimmier, Miller, Cooper, Angus, Bett, Black (MacDougall 65), Hewitt, Weir.

IFK, UEFA Cup-winners in 1982, reached the semi-finals deservedly and claimed they should have won the game when star striker Torbjorn Nilsson was denied an 87th-min goal because of a foul on Ian Angus. IFK keeper Thomas Wernersson was rarely tested but Aberdeen's Jim Leighton was kept busy. When he was beaten, as in the 22nd minute, McKimmie scrambled Jonny Ekström's shot out of the goalmouth. Roland Nilsson came close to a goal for IFK in the 75th min, but the ball spun just the wrong side of the post. Aberdeen boss Alex Ferguson said: "IFK deserved it."

Juventus 1 (Platini 44)
Barcelona 1 (Archibald 30)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 70,000. **Ref:** Keizer (Hol)
Barcelona 2-1 on agg.
Juventus: Tacconi — Favero, Cabrini, Bonini (Pin 61), Brio, Scirea, Mauro (Bonetti 76), Manfredonia, Pacione, Platini, Laudrup.
Barcelona: Urruti — Gerardo, Migueli, Julio Alberto, Victor (Fradera 81), Alesanco, Carrasco, Moratalla, Esteban, Archibald (Marcos 50), Caldere.

Juve were without dangerous strikers Briaschi and Serena (both injured) while Barsa were again without controversial midfield general Bernd Schuster. In the end the Juve losses weighed more heavily — particularly after Steve Archibald scored on the break after a cross by Victor on the half-hour. That put Barcelona 2-0 up overall and laid the way to what manager Terry Venables later described as the "finest achievement" of his career. Juve missed a number of chances early on and despite some fine play by Platini and Laudrup, pierced the Barsa defence only just before the interval — when Platini scored on a pass from the young Dane.

Kuusysi Lahti 0
Steaua Bucharest 1 (Piturca 86)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 32,522. **Ref:** Christov (Cz).
Steaua 1-0 on agg.
Kuusysi: Korhonen — Kaivonurmi (J. Puhakainen 88), Hudd, Hannikainen, Nordman, Pekonen, Annunen, Rinne, Remes, Tiainen, Carrol.
Steaua: Ducadam — Barbulescu, Belodedici, Bumbescu, Iovan, Balint, Bölöni, Majaru (L. Balint 55), Piturca (Radu 89), Lacatus, Stoica.

Kuusysi's brave attempt to become the first Finnish semi-finalists failed four minutes from time when Victor Piturca scored in a goalmouth scramble. A record crowd for the home Finnish European tie saw little threat of their men pulling off a shock, however, on the electrically heated pitch in the Helsinki Olympic stadium. Steaua could have won much more easily but squandered a string of chances.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

Quarter-finals, 2nd legs (Mar 19)

Atletico Madrid 1 (Marina 7)
Red Star Belgrade 1 (Djurovic 82)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 42,000. **Ref:** Valentine (Sc).
Atletico Madrid 3-1 on agg.
At. Madrid: Mejias — Tomas, Clemente, Arteche, Ruiz, Quique Setien (Julio Prieto 12), Cabrera, Minguez, Da Silva, Landaburu, Marina (Ramos 28).
Red Star: Ljukovcan — Krivocapic, Dimitrijevic, Miletovic, Elsner, Ivanovic, Djurovic, D. Durovski, Musemic, Sugar, Mrkela.

The match was decided when Roberto Marina scored his early goal to increase Atletico's lead to 3-0. The Slavs played it tough and Atletico had to replace both Quique Setien and Marina because of injury in the first half. Later Uruguayan World Cup striker Da Silva was hurt and they were reduced to ten men. Cabrera came close to a second Atletico goal in the 25th minute and Mitar Mrkela was narrowly off target with Red Star's best early effort in the 40th minute. Ivanovic eventually laid on the equaliser for Djurovic to beat Mejias, standing in as cover for Atletico's injured Argentine World Cup keeper, Ubaldo Fillol.

Bayer Uerdingen 7 (Wolfgang Funkel 13, 57, 79, Gudmundsson 62, Schäfer 66, 87, Klinger 77)
Dynamo Dresden 3 (Minge 1, Lippmann 35, Bommer 42 own goal)
HT: 1-3. **Att:** 17,000. **Ref:** Nemeth (Hun).
Uerdingen 7-5 on agg.
Uerdingen: Vollack — Herget, Daemgen, Wolfgang Funkel, Bommer, Feilzer, Friedhelm Funkel, Buttegereit, Raschid (Klinger 53), Schäfer, Gudmundsson (Loontiens 73).
Dresden: Jakubowski (Ramme 46) — Dörner — Trautmann, Döschner, Häfner, Stübner, Pilz, Minge, Kirsten, Sammer (Gütschow 29), Lippmann.

An astonishing match began with Dresden crossing the Wall two goals ahead. By half-time they had stretched that lead to 5-2. An own goal by West German intl Rudi Bommer just before the interval appeared to be the 'killer'. But a remarkable spell of six goals in half an hour past Dresden substitute keeper Ramme, turned the tie around.

Benfica 2 (Carlos Manuel 20, Manniche 37 pen)
Dukla Prague 1 (Korejcik 65)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 100,000. **Ref:** Kirschen (EG).
Dukla on away goal: 2-2 on agg.
Benfica: Bento — Veloso, Samuel, Oliviera, Sheu, Carlos Manuel, Wando, Alvaro (Bastos Lopes 71), Rui Aguas, Diamantino, Manniche.
Dukla: Koselnik — Klucky, Novak, Fiala, Rada, Pelc, Vizek (Lausmann 86), Kriz, Korejcik, Bazant, Luhovy.

A shock for John Mortimore's Benfica. They had been expected to make short work of the rusty Czechs. They looked in command at the interval — after Carlos Manuel blasted a free kick through keeper Koselnik's hands and then Danish striker Michael Manniche converted a penalty awarded when Rada handled a header from Sheu. Two minutes into the second half Rui Aguas was refused a headed goal because of an offside decision, and Benfica became rattled. On the hour Kriz broke away for Dukla and Korejcik headed the cross past the previously unemployed Benfica keeper, Manuel Bento.

Kiev Dynamo 5 (Yaremchuk 7, Belanov 10 pen, Rats 36, Blokhin 44, Yevtushenko 79)
Rapid Vienna 1 (Halilovic 39)
HT: 4-1. **Att:** 110,000. **Ref:** Bridges (Wal).
Kiev Dynamo 5 (Yaremchuk 7, Belanov 10 pen, Rats 36, Blokhin 44, Yevtushenko 79)
Rapid Vienna 1 (Halilovic 39)
HT: 4-1. **Att:** 110,000. **Ref:** Bridges (Wal)
Kiev 9-2 on agg.
Kiev: Chanov — Bessonov, Baltacha, Kuznetsov, Demianenko, Rats, Yakovenko, Yaremchuk, Zavarov (Yevtushenko 62), Belanov, Blokhin (Bal 74).
Rapid: Konsel (Feurer 46) — Rotter (P. Eeber 46), Garger, Brauneder, Weber, Kienast, Kranjcar, Halilovic, Stadler, Weinhofer, Willfurth.

Kiev cruised into the semi-finals of the tournament they won in 1975, in front of a 110,000 crowd — the second six-figure crowd in the Cup-winners' Cup on Wednesday (Benfica was the other). Yaremchuk, celebrating his 25th birthday, opened the scoring in the seventh minute and Kiev were never in the remotest danger from a Rapid side which has lost star striker Hans Krankl since reaching the final last season.

EUFA CUP

Quarter-finals, second legs (Mar 19 unless stated)

Köln 2 (K. Allofs 7, Bein 37)
Sporting Lisbon 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 37,000. **Ref:** Casarin (It). **Played:** March 18.
Köln 3-1 on agg.
Köln: Schumacher — Van de Korput, Prestin, Steiner, Janssen, Geilenkirchen, Bein, Geils, Hönerbach, Dickel (Lehnhoff 74), K. Allofs.
Sporting: Damas — Virgilio, Oceano, Vanancio, Fernando Mendes (Bravo 81), Gabriel, Ronei (Jordao 15), Jaime Pacheco, Sousa, Fernandes, Meade.

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The road to the Euro-finals

Another Anglo-Portuguese failure. Just as John Mortimore's Benfica toppled in the CWC, so Raphael Meade's Sporting fell in the UEFA Cup. Klaus Allofs and Uwe Bein put Köln clear in the first half. Bein, just back after a lengthy injury spell, also missed a penalty awarded for a foul on Dieter Prestin by Fernando Mendes.

Nantes 3 (Der Zakarian 9, Le Roux 42, Halilhodzic 37 pen)
Internazionale 3 (Altobelli 33, 64, Brady 59 pen)
HT: 3-1. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Galler (Swz).
Inter 6-3 on agg.
Nantes: Bertrand-Demanes — Ayache, Kombouare, Le Roux, Der Zakarian, Bracigliano, Morice (Debotte 69), Burruchaga, Halilhodzic, Toure (Robert 61), Amisse. * Der Zakarian sent off 85.
Inter: Zenga — Bergomi, Mandorlini, G. Baresi, Collovati (Marini 66), Ferri, Fanna (Minaudo 78), Tardelli, Altobelli, Brady, Rummenigge.

Nantes came close to a superb recovery. Having lost 3-0 in Milan, they pulled back to lead 3-1 before a lack of stamina plus the expulsion of Michel Der Zakarian in the 52nd minute, cost them the tie. Star forward Jose Touré was also forced out of the game because of injury and in the last 26 minutes Inter hit back twice. The equalising goal at 3-3 came from a Liam Brady penalty.

Neuchatel Xamax 2 (Stielike 11, Jacobacci 89)
Real Madrid 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 26,000. **Ref:** Tritschler (EG).
Madrid (holders) 3-2 on agg.
Xamax: Engel — Küffer, Thevenez, Hermann, Ryf, Perret, Stielike (Salvi 54), Nielsen, Mottiez, Lüthi (Elsener 74), Jacobacci.
Madrid: Ochotorena — Chendo (Santillana 89), Gullego, Sanchis, Camacho — Juanito, Michel, Martin Vazquez — Valdano (Cholo 86), Hugo Sanchez, Butrageuno.

Holders Madrid got a shock when Uli Stielike, who helped them win the EUFA Cup last year, opened the score for the Swiss after a cross by Maurizio Jacobacci. But after that Madrid were nearer a goal than Xamax. Martin Vazquez hit a post in the first half and had another shot deflected onto the woodwork by keeper Engel in the second. The fire went out of Xamax when Stielike went off injured in the 52nd minute and though Jacobacci did score a further goal, it was far too late to be of significance.

Wargem 1 (Mutombo 60)
Hajduk Split 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Rosa Santos (Port).
Waregem 5-4 on penalties 1-1 on agg.
Waregem: De Coninck — De Craeye, M. Millecamps, De Sloover, Mauro De Silva (Mutombo 48) — Demenne, Görtz, Veyt, Van Baekel — Olmos, Desmet.
Hajduk: Vojvodiv — Miljus, Petrovic, Gudelj, Vulic — Celic, Zlatko Vujovic, Sliskovic, Zoran Vujovic — Asanovic, Jerolimov(Deveric 91; Petrinovic 116). * Vulic sent off 84.

Hajduk were more dangerous, on the break, in the first half but the Belgian outsiders — third-round winners against Milan — went ahead through Zaire substitute Luvila Mutombo who converted a Philip Desmet pass. Hajduk had Vulic sent off for punching a Belgian, but survived extra time to reach a penalty shoot-out. Experienced intl defender Frank Miljus missed his kick, however, and Armin Görtz shot home the winner.

CHAMPIONS' CUP
Semi-finals, 1st legs (Apr 2)

Anderlecht 1 (Scifo 78)
Steaua Bucharest 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 27,500. **Ref:** Prokop (EG).
Anderlecht: Veckemman — De Mol, Peruzovic, M. Olsen, Andersen, Scifo, Frimann, Vandereycken, Vercauteren (Grun 37), Vandenbergh (Gudjohnssen 87), Lozano.
Steaua: Ducadam — Iovan, Barbulescu, Bumbescu (Balan 78), Stoica, Belodedici, Lacatus, Majaru, Piturca, Balint (Pistol 81), Bölöni.

Anderlecht struggled for most of the match having been presented with their best-ever chance of reaching the Champions' Cup final for the first time. They were unfortunate that top striker Erwin Vandenbergh had barely recovered from flu and that skipper Frankie Vercauteren had to go off injured in the first half. But they lived dangerously. In the ninth minute Ladislau Bölöni grazed the bar with a shot and in the 20th and 29th minutes Victor Piturca wasted two more chances for the Rumanian army team. Anderlecht's best early chance came in the 18th minute when Juan Lozano put Per Frimann through but his shot was smothered. Anderlecht were jeered off by their fans at half-time and had to wait until the 78th minute for their winner. Midfield prodigy Enzo Scifo scored with a beautiful chip after a short corner and an exchange of passes with Rene Vandereycken. Anderlect coach Arie Haan said later: "I am confident about the return match. We always score away from home."

IFK Gothenburg 3 (Torbjorn Nilsson 24, 44, Tommy Holmgren 59)
Barcelona 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 43,000. **Ref:** Christov (Cz).
IFK: Wernersson — R. Nilsson, Hysen, Larsson, Fredriksson, Andersson (Mordt 79), Tord Holmgren, Petersson, Tommy Holmgren (Johansson 84), Ekström, T. Nilsson.
Barcelona: Urruti — Gerardo, Migueli, Julio Alberto, Victor, Alesanco, Carrasco (Pedraza 54), Schuster, Amarilla, Esteban (Fradera 65), Marcos.

Barcelona's bitter memories of past European Cup upsets were reawakened when they were taken apart by former UEFA Cup-winners IFK. Barsa were rattled by the wet conditions, the slippery pitch but above all by the advantage in pace which IFK strikers Torbjorn Nilsson and Johnny Ekström possessed over ageing central defenders Migueli and Jose Ramon Alesanco. Barsa were without injured Archibald, Clos, Moratalla and Rojo and the suspended Caldere, but welcomed back West German Bernd Schuster after injury: not that he had much effect on the game. Torbjorn Nilsson put IFK ahead in the 24th minute after Ekström, with his head, flicked on a long through pass from Glenn Hysen. Nilsson made it 2-0 just before half-time — again Ekström was the creator. It was Nilsson's 26th European competition goal; he has scored one third of IFK's European total of 75. Little wonder they do not want him to retire in June, as he is threatening. IFK made it 3-0 in the 59th minute. Again Ekström led the raid and this time Tommy Holmgren carried it on to shoot through Urruti's legs. In the 77th minute Torbjorn Nilsson hit a post and the Swedes might well have had two penalties. Yet Barcelona could have reduced the deficit in the closing stages. First a Swedish defensive error left Julio Alberto clear only for Thomas Wernersson to save well at his feet, the Marcos headed against the bar. Barcelona will be without Spanish intl Victor for the return after his late booking. But coach Terry Venables said: "IFK are an excellent team and fully deserved their win but we still have a chance." And Torbjorn Nilsson warned: "We were lucky Barcelona didn't score towards the end. It will be very different in the return match. If they get a quick goal they could still hand us a beating."

CUP-WINNERS' CUP
Semi-finals, 1st legs (Apr 2)

Atletico Madrid 1 (Julio Prieto 78)
Bayer Uerdingen 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Ponnet (Bel).
Atletico: Fillol — Tomas, Clemente, Artehco, Ruiz, Julio Prieto, Cabrera (Pedraza 79), Quique Ramos, Da Silva, Landaburu, Marina.
Bayer: Vollack — Damgen, Herget, W. Funkel, Klinger, Bommer, Gudmundsson (Wöhrlin 67), F. Funkel, Raschid, Felizer (Buttgerit 86), A. Edvaldsson.

A lively match left the tie well-balanced for the return after CWC favourites Atletico — earlier winners against Celtic and Bangor — squeezed a narrow one-goal lead against a West German team with a reputation for getting goals at home. Man of the match was Bayer goalkeeper Werner Vollack, now in his second spell with the club. Atletico began strongly and Cabrera was just wide after five minutes. Bayer immediately replied with West German World Cup man Mathias Merget, forcing a low save from Argentia goalkeeper Ubaldo Fillol before Atletico took over again. A Landaburu shot was deflected wide in the 14th minute and just after the half-hour Vollack saved well from both Quique Ramos and then an Arteche header. In a rare Bayer counter, Icelandic forward Larus Gudmundsson hit the bar and then Fillol saved well from Klinger before Atletico's Uruguayan World Cup striker Jorge Da Silva missed an open goal just on half-time. Bayer had a couple of good chances soon after the interval: Friedhelm Funkel saw an open-goal chance cleared off the line by Clemente and then Rudi Bommer had a shot stopped by Fillol. But Atletico took the lead with 12 minutes remaining: Landaburu provided the pass and Julio Prieto shot in off a post.

Kiev Dynamo 3 (Blokhin 7 and 37, Zavaraov 35)
Dukla Praha 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 100,000. **Ref:** Rosa Dos Santos (Por).
Kiev: Chanov — Bessonov, Baltacha, Kuznetsov, Demianenko — Ratz, Yakovenko, Yaremchuk, Zavaraov — Belyanov, Blokhin (Yevtushenko 73).
Dukla: Kostejlnik — Bazant, Novak, Fiala, Rada — Lausmann, Pelc, Vizek, Kriz — Korejcik, Luhovy.

Oleg Blokhin had a quiet time as substitute against England, but he destroyed Dukla — scoring two goals himself and making the other for Alexander Zavaraov to virtually put the 1975 winners back in the final

UEFA CUP
Semi-finals, 1st legs (Apr 2)

Köln 4: (Lehnhoff 43, Klaus Allofs 50 and 67 pen, Geilenkirchen 80)
Waregem 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Daina (Swz)
Köln: Schumacher — Van de Korput, Prestin, Steiner, Hönerbach — Bein (Gielchen 76), Janssen, Hässler, Geils — Lehnhoff (Geilenkirchen 69), K. Allofs.
Waregem: De Coninck — Millicamps, Dekenne (Olmors 50), Desloover, Decraeye — Denorme (Mutombo 76), Van Baekel, Mauro, Görtz — Veyt, Desmet.

At home in West Germany, Köln were fighting to avoid relegation and World Cup star Pierre Littbarski was out for the rest of the season with ligament trouble. But in Europe they have looked a different team and a spell of three goals in the second half wrecked the Belgians giant killing hopes. So total was the Köln domination that goalkeeper Harald Schumacher never had a difficult shot to save.

Internazionale 3 (Tardelli 1 and 54, Salguero own goal 89)
Real Madrid 1 (Valdano 87)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 83,000. (receipts £800,000). **Ref:** Fredriksson (Swe).
Inter: Zenga — Bergomi, Mandorlini, G. Baresi, Ferri, Cucchi, Fanna, Tardelli, Altobelli, Brady (Minaudo 85), Rummenigge.
Madrid: Ochotorena — Chendo, Camacho, Gordillo, Salguero, Juanito (Martin Vasquez 72), Butrageuno, Michel, Hugo Sanchez, Gallego, Valdano.

Another great European occasion created by these two old rivals. Madrid came into the game as UEFA Cup holders but without injured central defenders Sanchis and Maceda; they had announced earlier in the day confirmation of the news that ex-Holland national coach Leo Beenhakker, an exponent of Madrid-style traditional attacking football, is to take over as team manager next season. As for the match, most of the drama was squeezed into the closing minutes when Madrid pulled back one 'away' goal and then gave away an own goal which promised to provide another typical night of high drama in the Estadio Bernabeu.

Inter took an immediate lead. Altobelli and Rummenigge combined to clear the way for Marco Tardelli — coming into form at last to challenge for a place in Italy's World Cup squad — to fire past Ochotorena. Altobelli claimed a penalty in the fourth minute but Madrid nearly equalised in the 19th when a long-range drive by Michel was tipped against the bar by Zenga. Madrid had recovered well thanks to the midfield efforts of Michel, World Cup man Gordillo (back after a leg injury) and veteran Juanito. But in the 54th minute Inter increased their lead: Altobelli crossed from the wing, Rummenigge rose above Ochotorena to head down and Tardelli converted his second goal of the night. As tempers rose Valdano collected a booking which will keep him out of the return but he gave Madrid hope of recovery with a goal in the 87th minute. It was an advantage partly thrown away two minutes later when Rummenigge caused confusion in the Madrid defence and Salguero, trying to clear for a corner, clipped the ball over Ochotorena and in off the post for an own goal.

CHAMPIONS' CUP
Semi-finals, 2nd legs (April 16)

Barcelona 3
IFK Gothenburg 0
HT: 1-0. **90min:** 3-0. **Att:** 90,000. **Ref:** Casarin (It).
Barcelona 5-4 on penalties after extra time: agg 3-3.
Barcelona: Urruti — Sanchez, Migueli, Alesanco, Julio Alberto — Victor, Caldere, Schuster (Pedraza 57), — Esteban, Pichi Alonso (Clos 75), Carrasco.
IFK: Wernersson — R. Nilsson, Larsson, Svensson (Mordt 50), Fredriksson, Andersson, Tord Holmgren (Johansson 115), Petersson, Tommy Holmgren, T. Nilsson, Ekstrom.

Barcelona produced the performance of the night to earn a place in their second Champions' Cup final (the first was in 1961). Their eventual success meant Spain had a club in each of the three European finals. Barcelona's recovery was the best in the top club tournament since Panathinaikos of Greece pulled back three goals on Red Star Belgrade in a 1971 semi-final.

It was achieved without injured Steve Archibald but thanks to a hat-trick from deputy Pichi Alonso — the striker Barcelona have hardly used since signing him from Zaragoza four years ago just to keep him out of Real Madrid's clutches. The win was also achieved despite the fact the German general Bernd Schuster was struggling with the effects of flu and had to be substituted in the second half. Barcelona went ahead on the night in the tenth minute when Alonso converted a pass from Ramon Caldere.

Barcelona lived on a knife-edge for the next 53 minutes. It took several fine saves by keeper Urruti and luck — when Ekstrom hit a post — to maintain their lead. Then Alonso struck twice in seven minutes: first shooting in another Caldere pass, then heading over goalkeeper Wernersson after a Carrasco cross. Just before the end IFK got the ball in the net but the 'goal' was disallowed because Andersson was offside on the goal-line as Ekstrom shot in.

Barcelona were refused a penalty when Clos — on as a substitute for Alonso — was fouled by Wernersson in extra time. But IFK also came close at the other end when Barsa skipper Alesanco sliced a clearance against his own crossbar. And so to penalties. With Barcelona 4-3 behind, Carrasco's shot was saved by Wernersson.

But then Spanish keeper Urruti saved from Roland Nilsson, converted the next kick himself . . . and when Norwegian Per Edmond Mordt shot over the bar, it was left to Spain midfielder Victor to put Barcelona into the final in Seville. Barsa's players hoisted coach Terry Venables onto their shoulders in delight.

Steaua Bucharest 3 (Piturca 4 and 72, Balint 23)
Anderlecht 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Roth (WG)
Steaua 3-1 on agg
Steaua: Ducadam — Iovan, Bumbescu, Belodedici, Barbulescu (Weisenbacher 89), Balint (Malin Radu 87), Stoica, Bölöni, Balan, Lacatus, Piturca.
Anderlecht: Vekeman — Grun, Peruzovic (De Mol 74), Olsen, Andersen, Frimann, Scifo, Vandenbergh, Vandereycken, Vercauteren, Lozano.

Steaua, the Bucharest army team, became the first Rumanian club to reach a European final when they beat Anderlecht with surprising ease — considering the Belgians' defensive improvements since Ario Haan took over as coach at the start of the year. Victor Piturca, who has scored in every round, put Steaua ahead in only the fourth minute when he took a long through pass from skipper Bölöni and turned to shoot past Vekeman from just outside the penalty box. Vekeman then saved well from Piturca in the 12th minute and just beat Bölöni to a through ball, before Gavril Balint made it 2-0 in the 23rd minute with a long-range effort. Anderlecht tried to force a way back into the game in the second half. But Frankie Vercaueteren saw a volley luckily deflected for a corner by Ducadam before Piturca shot home a Lacatus centre to make it 3-0.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP
Semi-finals, 2nd legs (April 16)

Bayern Uerdingen 2 (Herget 55, Gudmundsson 64)
Atletico Madrid 3 (Rubio 16 pen, Cabrera 28, Julio Prieto 58)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Midgley (Eng).
Atletico 4-2 on agg
Bayer: Vollack — Herget, Dämgen, W. Funkel, Edvaldsson, Bommer, Klinger, F. Funkel — Raschid, Schäfer (Loontiens 46), Gudmundsson (Feilzer 70).
Atletico: Mejias — Arteche, Tomas, Ruiz, Clemente, Julio Prieto, Marina, Landaburu, Cabrera, Rubio (Pedraza 70), Setien (Balbino 76).

Bayer never looked like repeating the second-half rampage which brought them a quarter-final recovery against Dresden. They went behind to a 16th-minute Rubio penalty after Wolfgang Funkel handled and Cabrera then broke away for No. 2 after a sharp interception by Landaburu. Skipper Mathias Herget pulled one back from a free kick in the second half. But three minutes later Landaburu set up Julio Prieto for Atletico's third goal.

Dukla Praha 1 (Kriz 70)
Kiev Dynamo 1 (Belanov 64 pen)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 22,000. **Ref:** Igna (Rum).
Kiev 4-1 on agg
Dukla: Kostelnik — Klucky, Novak, Fiala, Rada, Bazant, Lausmann, Pelz, Korejcik, Kruz, Luhovy.
Kiev: Chanov (Mikhailov 88) — Kuznetsov, Yaremchuk, Baltacha, Demianenko, Bal, Yakovenko,, Rats, Belanov, Blokhin, Zavarov (Yeutushenko 78).

Kiev returned to the Cup-winners' final — which they won in 1975 — without too many problems. They repeatedly took the game to Dukla and might have had some first-half goals but for several fine saves from Oleg Blokhin by Czech keeper Peter Kostelnik. The pressure paid off in the 64th minute when Belanov converted a penalty after Rada brought down Zavarov. But Dukla, seriously weakened by the absence of suspended Ladislav Vizek, hit back to equalise in the 70th minute through Tomas Kriz.

UEFA CUP
Semi-finals, 2nd legs (April 16)

Waregem 3 (Mutombo 52 and 59, Görtz 79)
Köln 3 (Klaus Allofs 26, 34 and 68 pen)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Brummeier (Aus).
Köln 7-3 on agg
Waregem: Deconinck — Decraeye, M. Millecamps, Desloover, Eekenne — Görtz, Vanbaekel — Veyt, Desmet, Olmos (Mario da Silva 46), Buckley (Mutombo 46).
Köln: Schumacher — Prestin (Gielchen 59), Geils, Van de Korput, Steiner — Hässler, Geilenkirchen, Hönerbach — Bein, Janssen, K. Allofs.

Considering that Köln began the match with one foot in the final, the game was surprisingly exciting. The West Germans hurried into a 2-0 half-time lead and the Belgians came back with spirit to earn a draw on the night. West German World Cup striker Klaus Allofs scored two well-taken first-half goals but the Belgians were unlucky — a Görtz shot beat Schumacher but stuck in the mud in the 16th minute, then Veyt hit the post in the 27th.

Waregem finally got some deserved goals after the interval with the arrival as substitute of Zaire's Dadi Mutombo. First he intercepted a poor back pass and beat Schumacher, then he shot home after a goalmouth scramble. Köln retaliated with an Allofs penalty — for his hat-trick — after a foul on Ralf Geilenkirchen. But still Waregem battled on and pulled level from a free kick with Görtz scoring after a foul on Felip Desmet. This will be Köln's first European final after having been foiled six times in semi-finals.

Real Madrid 5 (Sanchez 43 and 75 pens, Gordillo 64, Santillana 92, 107)
Internazionale 1 (Brady 65 pen)
HT: 1-0. **90min:** 3-1. **Att:** 100,000. **Ref:** Keizer (Hol)
Madrid 6-4 on aggregate after extra time
Madrid: Agustin — Chendo, Sanchis (Salguero 13), Maceda, Camacho — Gordillo, Gallego, Michel — Butragueno, Hugo Sanchez, Santillana (Juanito 110).
Inter: Zenga — Bergomi, Mandorlini, G. Baresi, Collovati, Ferri, Fanna, Tardelli — Altobelli (Marini 50), Brady, Rummenigge (Bernazzani 87), *Mandorlini sent off, 96.

Despite having lost 3-1 in the first leg, and despite the Italian's fearsome defensive reputation, Madrid were confident of reaching the final to continue the defence of their UEFA Cup. But it wasn't easy and in the end their hero was veteran striker Carlos Santillana, recalled for the suspended Argentine, Jorge Valdano. Madrid laid siege to Inter's goal in the first half-hour despite the upset of losing centre-back Manuel Sanchis with a broken ankle after a collision with Sando Altobelli. Inter launched a couple of threatening counter-attacks towards the end of the first half but Madrid then went ahead with a penalty converted by Mexican star Hugo Sanchez after Mandorlini brought down Michel.

Inter were still dangerous on the break. Bergomi shot a Rummenigge pass against a post in the 54th minute before Rafael Gordillo put Madrid level on aggregate — and ahead on the away goals rule — with a low shot through a crowded goalmouth. Inter immediately hit back for the goal they had threatened. Substitute Salguero fouled Altobelli and Liam Brady converted a penalty to restore the Italians' overall lead. It wasn't until a quarter of an hour from the end of normal time that Sanchez scored from yet another penalty — this time after Baresi fouled Emilio Butragueno — to send the tie into extra time. Butragueno, a key figure in Spain's World Cup plans, now took over the tie.

In the 93rd minute he provided the cross from which Santillana headed Madrid 4-1 in front. Inter's fate seemed sealed when Mandorlini was sent off three minutes later for another foul on Michel. And in the third minute of the second half in extra time, Madrid completed the scoring with Butragueno again the creator and Santillana again the scorer.

from KEIR RADNEDGE and BOB PATEMAN in Cairo

EGYPT — KINGS OF AFRICA . . .

EGYPT 86

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A NEW Valley of the Kings has been discovered in Egypt. But this one has nothing to do with explorer Howard Carter and the legend of Tutankhamun.

This one is a vast bowl, seating 100,000 people, on the outskirts of the capital, Cairo; and in this case the men thus honoured are not the pharoahs of antiquity but the new kings of African football: Egypt's national football team.

That crown is theirs by virtue of their victory over Cameroun in the Final of the Cup of Nations in the Cairo International Stadium.

In the end it was only thanks to a 5-4 advantage after a penalty shoot-out that Egypt clinched the title, the Final having ended goalless after extra-time. But justice was done. Egypt deserved their victory — and their players well knew it.

In delight, relief and exhaustion they flung their arms around state President Hosni Mubarak after climbing high into the stadium to receive the gleaming trophy. Kisses all round for the players; a restrained but honorable handshake for manager Mike Smith.

These were, in fact, the closest anyone got to President Mubarak all afternoon. To protect him, the authorities had sealed off the entire upper storey of one side of the stadium so that no hot-head could threaten him from above. The tier was occupied only by the blue-bereted members of the presidential security guard; all those whose tickets permitted them access had to be squeezed into the gangways in the lower tiers.

At least Mubarak had an uninterrupted, unthreatened view of the decisive, climactic moment when goalkeeper Sabat El-Battal threw himself across goal to deflect Biyick's penalty kick wide of the post and complete the drama. Millions watching throughout Egypt missed the moment of glory: for some reason the television cameraman panned away and the director failed to turn his magic eye back on the goal area in time.

All the TV audience knew, apparently, about El-Battal's great save was the enormous roar to which the crowd gave vent.

Seen or unseen, to say that Egypt are champions of Africa is one thing; to place them in a world hierarchy is something else entirely. Certainly they were a better team than the disappointing 4-0 home defeat by England proclaimed. Egypt were unlucky that day, finding Shilton in superb form and, at the other end, conceding a silly own goal.

Yet the Egypt who played out the nervy Final were not as impressive as the Egypt who dominated the first half of the semi-final against Morocco. Out of Egypt they would have been hard put to seize the crown from defending champions Cameroun. But the confidence provided by near-100,000 crowds made enormous difference.

While being cautious in hailing Egypt, it is ony fair to note that they defeated World Cup finalists Morocco 1-0 in a controversial semi-final . . . and that Africa's other Mexico travellers, Algeria, failed to progress beyond the first round.

It is a tradition that the up-and-coming World Cup finalists do not impress in the Cup of Nations. But while Algeria have been struggling to regain their touch ever since they qualified for Mexico, the Moroccans are threatening to be one of the most awkward of opponents in the early stages of the finals.

They certainly have self-belief — as was demonstrated by their fury over the semi-final defeat by Egypt in Cairo. The Moroccans had been following the stadium clock, unaware that it was three minutes slow. When Ethiopian referee Tesfaye Guebre Yesus blew the final whistle, the Moroccans lost their heads.

Defender Mustafa El-Byez hit the referee, more than a dozen players joined in the scrap and the fans hurled missiles onto the pitch. The outcome was a year's African international ban for Byez — he was lucky to escape a World Cup suspension too — plus fines of £800 on Morocco and £900 on Egypt.

The pressure on the Egyptians was revealed to its true extent after the Final itself when keeper El-Battal skipper and top defender Mustafa Abdou and star forward Mahmoud Al Khatib announced their retirements from international representative football. They will continue to play in the African club competitions for top Cairo club El-Ahly.

Al Khatib was actually forced to struggle right through to the end of extra time when he is generally pulled off halfway through normal time in other games because he is now so fragile. But his presence is regarded as a talismanic by the other players and this former African Footballer of the Year well deserved to end his top-level career with the accolade of African champion.

Cairo — March 21
Egypt 0
Cameroun 0
Att: 95,000. **Ref:** Ali Ben Nasr (Tun)
Egypt won 5-4 on penalties

Egypt: El-Batal — Ali Shehata, Sedki, Omar (Mayhoub 53), Yassein — Magdi Abdelghani, Abou Zeid (Tarek Yehia 109), Kassem — Abdou, El-Khatib, Gamal Hamid.

Cameroun: Nkono — Ndip, Kunde, Aoudou, Sinkot — Andre Biyik, Mbida, M'Bouh — Ebongue, Milla, M'Fede.

Penalties: Tarek Yehia (E) 1-0, M'Fede (C) 1-1; Magdi (E) 2-1, Kunde (C) 2-2; Abdou (E) saved 2-2, Mbide (C) saved 2-2; Mayhoub (E) 3-2, Milla (C) 3-3; Ali Shehata (E) 4-3, Aoudou (C) 4-4; Kassem (E) 5-4, Biyik (C) saved/wide 5-4.

Group A
Cairo
Senegal 1 Egypt 0

SENEGAL were under considerable pressure in the first half and goalkeeper Seck Cheick gave their noisy contingent of fans a few worrying moments. Twice he failed to take harmless looking crosses cleanly and on ten minutes a defender swept the ball away from his hands in a wild goalmouth scramble.

However Amadou Kane was efficiently controlling the penalty area and Sene and Dip looked fluid when breaking out of defence.

For Egypt Magi Abelghani was putting in a lot of good work in midfield and both the full backs were coming forward to join the attack.

Taher Abouzid, who went off to have his head bandaged returned to inspire most of the attacks and a simple one-two with El Khatib created the best chance of the first half.

Twenty minutes into the second half Tew brought the ball forward for Senegal, he played it out to the right, it was crossed and Oumar Sene headed home. It wasn't a particularly powerful header but goalkeeper El Batal had his view blocked by a defender.

Ivory Coast 3 Mozambique 0

IVORY COAST outclassed Mozambique and ran out comfortable winners thanks mainly to the performances of their two French based stars, Abdoulaye Traore and Youssouf Fofana.

Traore, playing deep on the right relied on anticipation and quite remarkable ball control while Fofana played as an old fashion left winger depending mainly on acceleration.

It was Abdoulaye Traore who opened the scoring. Goalkeeper Filide came to the edge of his area to clear the ball well down field, Traore gathered it, looked up and chipped it over the stranded goalkeeper into the net. It reminded me of Pele's great effort against Czechoslovakia in the 1970 World Cup, except of course Pele's 45 yard chip missed! With Fofana now rounding his full back at will and Francois Zahui building up moves from midfield it was hard to see how Ivory Coast weren't further ahead by half time but what the team lacked was an out and out striker to hover around the box and pounce on the chances created.

Fofana on the left was now pushing the ball so far around his opponent that it seemed strange the Mozambique sweeper wasn't able to cover his breaks. Certainly Mozambique did tighten up in the second half, playing an off side trap and body checking Ivory Coast players to a stand still on several occasions.

The second goal finally came when Fofana cut inside to challenge his fullback, pushed out wide again into a space he had now created and then pushed the ball behind the defence. Half a dozen players reached for it but it was Traore who got the touch.

The third goal started with Traore robbing a defender, the man of the match pushed a lovely ball forward and Zahui did well to ride a tough tackle and guide the ball home.

Egypt 2 Ivory Coast 0

EGYPT gave a professional and competent display to win their second game and revitalise their semi-final hopes. Ivory Coast, who had looked so good in the first game, were never allowed to settle and although Fofana still looked dangerous on the left Traore faded from the game and appeared to be limping when he was taken off in the second half.

Egypt changed their tactics for this match by including two wingers and although Tarek Yehia was well shadowed by the excellent Gnahore Mustafa Abdu put over some very useful crosses. It was substitute Shawki Gharib who broke the deadlock in the 67th minute. After making a powerful run at the defence he was rewarded when the ball returned to his feet with only goalkeeper Gbolie to beat.

Ivory Coast lost heart at this point and a second goal followed in the 84th minute.

Abdu sent over a free-kick from the corner post and Gamil Abdul-Hamid, left completely unmarked, touched it home.

Senegal 2 Mozambique 0

SENEGAL made it four points from two games with this win over Mozambique but the South African side had obviously learnt a lot from their first game and gave a much tighter display.

Senegal went ahead on the half hour when fullback Pape Fall collected the ball from a throw-in ran unchallenged and shot the ball home off goalkeeper Chisikere.

Mozambique actually had some good scoring chances in the second half but a second goal, this time from French based star Jules Bocande, tied up the game. He collected the ball on the right of the penalty area, cut inside a defender, passed, kept running and was there to strike the ball home when it bounced loose in the goalmouth.

The main difference between the two sides was that while Senegal players were given time to build up attacks from midfield Mozambique strikers were being put under pressure much earlier, leaving the back line little to do except sweep up loose balls or careless passes.

Senegal 0 Ivory Coast 1

SENEGAL, having at one time looked certain of a semi-final place saw their dreams shatter with this defeat. Ironically they looked the better side for much of the game and when Oumar Toure was tripped in the box in the ninth minute they looked all set for victory.

Bocande however made a terrible mess of the kick and Ivory Coast, grateful for the let off, did not give them another chance. Lago and Gnahore were in excellent form in defence and Fofana and Traore looked dangerous on every break. Saar and Kane were booked for some rough tackles and in the 63rd minute Fofana was brought down in the area. Gnahore stepped forward to take the second penalty of the match but keeper Seck Cheick diving to the left blocked the shot and the ball was cleared by the defence.

In the 72nd minute Fofana again crossed from the left, the defence were caught off guard and Abdullah Traore headed the ball home.

Egypt 2 Mozambique 0

EGYPT went into the last game knowing that two goals would take them into the semi-finals and they took just 16 minutes to score them. El Khatib and Abou Zeid worked well together up front but it was Abou Zeid, his head still bandaged from an injury in the first game, who emerged as the hero of the match.

In the 13th mimute a freekick was slid across to him and he hit it powerfully into the left corner of the net although why the Mozambique wall opened up is a mystery.

The second goal was the best of the tournament so far. Collecting the ball outside the area Abou Zeid attacked defender Armando taking him to the left and then switching back to the right and past him to hit the ball home in one flowing movement.

One intriguing quote in the Egyptian Gazette was that Egypt's improved form was due to "the inclusion of full time wingers in an amended line-up long recommended by critics of their British manager."

Group A

Egypt	3	2	0	1	4-1	4
Ivory Coast	3	2	0	1	4-2	4
Senegal	3	2	0	1	3-1	4
Mozambique	3	0	0	3	0-7	0

Zambia 2 Cameroun 3

ZAMBIA, who had eliminated Cameroun from the World Cup, started full of confidence and Chansa, Masonda and Shinda kept pressure on the Cameroun defence.

Jerry Shinde came the nearest to scoring when his fierce shot brought an acrobatic save from Nkono.

During the second half however the game was turned upside down. A long goalkick was chased by Milla who out-raced Chilengi and hit the ball home on the first bounce.

The goal shocked Zambia and they could have gone two down when Abega, showing some of his old skills, almost rounded goalkeeper Chabala. Abega was injured in the incident and was taken off soon afterwards to be replaced by N'Bida who quickly settled down and started to get the Cameroun attack flowing more fluidly.

Zambia were in fact going through a poor spell when they equalised against the run of play. Michael Chabala headed home a corner with Cameroun players claiming, not without reason, that Nkono had been fouled. Minutes later however Cameroun were ahead again.

Milla went racing into the box and although he already seemed to be losing balance there was little doubt that the crashing tackle he received deserved a penalty. M'Fede scored from the spot.

A few minutes later a terrible mix up in the Cameroun penalty area, that involved half the players on the field in what looked more like a rugby scrum than a football match, had the referee pointing to the spot again.

With the penalty safely put away Zambia seemed to be set for a draw but seven minutes from the end the referee gave the third penalty of the match which M'Fede scored to give Cameroun victory.

Morocco 0 Algeria 0

THE TWO World Cup sides played out a technically sound but dull goalless draw. Both sides were without some of their European based players and also had some key men injured but Morocco still managed to look a sharper and more skilful side. Centre half Bouyahiaoui was dominating in defence, Lamris put in a lot of work from the full back position and Dolmy and Khairi showed some nice touches in midfield.

For Algeria Ali Fergani, brought back to the international team due to the injury to Belloumi, was trying hard but could have done with more help around him.

Although there wasn't one clear goal chance in the whole ninety minutes Swiss based professional Bouderbala did start some dangerous looking runs from the Morocco midfield.

Algeria 0 Zambia 0

ALGERIA achieved their second goalless draw, a performance that hardly looks promising for the World Cup.

Ali Fergani got through a lot of work in midfield and Fodil Megharia had a second excellent game but generally Zambia looked the better side.

Cameroun 1 Morocco 1

A GOALLESS first half saw a confident looking Cameroun team generally getting the better of the game. Bouyahiaoui once again looked good in the Morocco defence but El Riyaz was not at all happy about shadowing Roger Milla and he was lucky to get through the first 45 minutes without being booked.

It was Morocco however who scored first with what was an excellent goal. Bouderbala keeping much wider this game, put over a long cross despite being under pressure from the fullback and Abdelaziz Merry put home a well taken header.

The game now became unpleasantly rough, El Riyaz was finally booked for pulling Milla to the ground and Abdelmajide Lamris was sent off for fighting.

The incident caused several minutes delay and the official clock was showing 2 minutes of injury time when Camerous equalised. El Riyaz failed to clear a high pass into the penalty area and Milla chipped the loose ball over goalkeeper Zaki and into the net.

Zambia 0 Morocco 1

BOUDERBALA and Merry Krimau combined to produce the only goal of the game and one that secured Morocco's semi-final place.

Bouderbala sent a cross over from the touch line and Krimau did extremely well to collect it on his chest and hit it home with his back to the goal.

Zambia infact had most of the second half possession but they found it impossible to penetrate the tight North African defence. The nearest they came was when Zaki was twice forced to save scrambled shots from a goalmouth melee.

Cameroun 3 Algeria 2

CAMEROUN had without doubt been the most entertaining of the eight nations and they again gave the crowd plenty to cheer about.

All five goals came in an eight minute spell starting with a headed

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The Past Winners

1957 in Sudan: EGYPT (on points)
1959 in Egypt: EGYPT (on points)
1962 in Ethiopia: ETHIOPIA beat Egypt 4-2
1963 in Ghana: GHANA beat Sudan 3-0
1965 in Tunisia: GHANA beat Tunisia 3-2 (after extra time)
1968 in Ethiopia: CONGO beat Ghana 1-0
1970 in Sudan: SUDAN beat Ghana 1-0
1972 in Cameroun: CONGO beat Mali 3-2
1974 in Egypt: ZAIRE beat Zambia 2-2, 2-0 (replay)
1976 in Ethiopia: MOROCCO (on points)
1978 in Ghana: GHANA beat Uganda 2-0
1980 in Nigeria: NIGERIA beat Algeria 3-0
1982 in Libya: GHANA beat Libya on penalties after 1-1 draw
1984 in Ivory Coast: CAMEROUN beat Nigeria 3-1

England find Mexico hostile

History of the World Cup . . . part three . . . by Iain Macleod

ENGLAND defended the World Cup trophy in Mexico in 1970 against a hostile environment, where altitude, heat and humidity rendered the venue universally unpopular.

Thorough preparation was imperative, but ironically, as conditions dictated slower-paced games, genuine talent flourished and the tournament left eternally magical memories.

Drawn in group three, England — a better side than in '66, were grateful for Hurst's fine goal in Guadalajara, as they emerged — not entirely unscathed, from a bruising encounter with Rumania.

Czechoslovakia's Petras scored an exhilarating goal against Brazil before samba soccer took over in spectacular style, Rivelino and Pele scoring superb goals in a 4-1 win. Then, in an absorbing clash with England in Guadalajara's 100 degree heat, Jairzinho's goal won the points in one of history's classic matches. No less notable for its rich skills, it will equally, be remembered for Bank's legendary save from Pele's header.

Against Rumania, Brazil began majestically, scoring twice early on — fortuitously. Rumania recovered, exposed defensive frailities, before Brazil eventually won 3-2. England also qualified, Clarke's penalty which beat Czechoslovakia the decisive factor.

In group one, hosts Mexico opened drably and goalless against Russia, thrashed El Salvador 4-0, and reaped rich reward from bad refereeing against Belgium. Jeck's innocuous tackle on Valdivia resulted in a harsh penalty, duly converted by Pena. Russia, with Byshovets outstanding, beat Belgium 4-1 and topped the group.

Group two was dour throughout — only six goals were scored. At Puebla, Uruguay beat Israel 2-0, whilst Domenghini, courtesy of 'keeper Helstroem, gave Italy victory over Sweden in Toluca. Then, Puebla's crowd agonised, as Italy and Uruguay, goalless, played out the tournament's worst match. Uruguay qualified despite losing to Sweden; Ove Grahn's last minute goal left them to rue drawing 1-1 with Israel. Italy's goalless draw with Israel left a distinctly uninspiring, for one, against nil, column.

In marked contrast, group four offered goals and entertainment. Houmane's goal for Morocco caused German hearts to flutter before Seeler and Muller saved the day. And as Germany hit form, Muller's goalscoring genuis produced successive hat-tricks against Bulgaria (5-2) and Peru (3-1).

In Leon, Peru, coached by the legendary Brazilian, Didi — and playing samba-style football to match, recovered brilliantly a two-goal deficit to beat Bulgaria 3-2. Then Cubillas scored twice as Morocco were beaten 3-0, and though Muller's hat-trick meant a quarter-final against Brazil, their spectacular brand of football was greatly appreciated.

In the quarter-finals, Esparrago's 117th minute goal gave Uruguay victory over Russia in Mexico City. Mexico , travelled to Toluca, scored early on — then capitulated to an Italian side which finally found its goalscoring touch, comfortably winning 4-1. With Banks ill, England relinquished their grip on the trophy against Germany in Leon. Mullery and Peters soon established a two-goal lead, but as Germany fought back to level, Muller's extra-time goal was to prove decisive. England had squandered a golden opporunity.

Similar in style, Brazil and Peru gave the Guadalajara crowd a six goal extravaganza, though Gerson's return left Brazil too strong overall, Tostao scoring twice in a 4-2 win.

Brazil stayed in Guadalajara for a hard-fought semi-final with Uruguay. In a tough first half, Cubilla squeezed Uruguay ahead but Clodoaldo's injury-time goal sparked Brazil's second-half revival, Jairzinho and Rivelino scoring late goals for a 3-1 win.

In the capital it was 1-1 after ninety minutes, before extra-time brought West Germany and Italy to life. Muller scored, Burgnich and Riva edged Italy ahead, Muller equalised again, before substitute Rivera finally settled a classic in Italy's favour.

In the final, however, Italy were no match for a Brazilian side whose play in the Aztec stadium recalled deeds of old. The final result — 4-1, was never in doubt, Gerson's goal the cream of a golden crop that gave Jules Rimet's prized trophy its permanent home in Rio.

West Germany splendidly organised the 1974 finals, 16 nations contesting a new trophy — the FIFA World Cup.

Brazil's success in 1970 encouraged belief in adventurous football, gloriously effected by West Gemrany — and particularly Holland. More flamboyant at the European Championships in 1972, Germany's team, however, was still a major force. Breitner secured victory against Chile in Berlin, but though Australia succumbed 3-0 in Hamburg, problems abounded.

East Germany took three points off Chile and Australia, and Hamburg provided the venue for the historic meeting of a nation divided in which Sparwasser's late goal severely dented Western pride.

In group two, holders Brazil opened the tournament in Frankfurt. But a stalemate against Yugoslavia could not be improved upon against a Scottish side, also with goal-scoring problems. Bremner's miss close-in would haunt him always, though the 2-0 win against Zaire would haunt Scotland. Lorimer and Jordan scored first-half goals, then Scotland inextricably relaxed. Yugoslavia, with Bajevic scoring three, beat Zaire 9-0.

When Yugoslavia's Karasi scored against Scotland in Frankfurt it appeared all over. But, courageously, Jordan scored a late equaliser — only to find that Valdomiro's late goal — Brazil's third, squeezed the holders through by one goal.

In group three, the majestic Dutch — scintillatingly reminiscent of Hungary in 1954, entertained grandly, improving with each game. At Hanover, Rep scored twice as a cynical Uruguay found, in Cruyff, an elusive genius. In Dortmund, however, Sweden, repeating their goalless draw with Bulgaria, provided stiffer opposition, Cruyff's magical turn the highlight.

Poland dominated group four and, in Stuttgart, Lato's two goals helped beat Argentina 3-2 — the scoreline not reflecting Polish superiority. Another Lato double and Szarmach's hat-trick crushed Haiti 7-1. Previously, on a late Saturday afternoon in Munich, Sanon of Haiti had given Italy shades of another North Korea, before a second-half rescue act by Rivera, Benetti and Anastasi ensured respectability.

Sadly, the knock-out format was scrapped and in group A, Brazil laboured to a single goal win against East Germany. Meanwhile, Holland, with Cruyff and Krol again outstanding demolished Argentian 4-0 and then beat East Germany 2-0. Brazil came to life to beat old rivals Argentina 2-1, but in Dortmund, they discovered Holland were in another world. Two magnificent goals from Neeskens and Cruyff eased the Dutch into the final.

In group B, Lato's goals for Poland beat Sweden and Yugoslavia; the latter also lost to West Germany, Breitner and Muller scoring the decisive goals. On a rain-soaked evening in Dusseldorf, Germany and Sweden — after Edstroem's early goal for the latter — served up a minor classic of brilliant football interspersed with fine goals. Germany eventually triumphed 4-2. And on a saturated pitch in Frankfurt, their place was assured when Muller's late goal defeated a better Polish side.

The Final, in Munich's Olympic stadium, began dramatically when Cruyff was tripped in the box and Neeskens cooly converted the resultant penalty. The Dutch assumed control, and toyed, arrogantly and majestically with Germany. But when Hölsenhein was fouled in the 25th minute, Breitner's ensuing penalty turned the tide Germany's way.

With the legendary Beckenbauer now dictating matters, Bonhof found Muller six minutes later and he finished in typical fashion. Holland dominated the second-half, but to no avail and sadly, like Hungary 20 years earlier, may have "won" the tournament, but had to watch a German hoist the trophy aloft.

The 1978 finals returned to South America, Argentina providing a colourful, controversial and emotive tournament.

Group one began at Mar del Plata on the coast, but Frenchman, Lacombe's first minute goal against Italy proved inadequate as Italy won 2-1 and stayed on to beat a demoralised Hungary 3-1. Before 75,000 and cascading ticker-tape in the River Plate stadium in Beunos Aires, Hungary's frustration — despite Csapo's early goal — boiled over following Bertoni's debatable winner for Argentina — Töröcsik and Nyilasi being ordered off.

Against the hosts, France also, suffered, Passarella converting a controversial penalty award near half-time. Platini's second-half equaliser as France sparkled, proved insufficient to combat Luque's stunning winner.

In Buenos Aires also, Israeli referee Klein was superb, as Italy ended Argentina's run when Bettega crisply finished an outstanding three-man move.

At Cordoba, Rummenigge and Flohe scored twice as Mexico crashed, though Germany flattered to decieve: the ignominous draw with underrated Tunisia was closer to reality. Emerging Tunisia beat Mexico 3-1 in Rosario, where they were also desperately unlucky against Poland to lose to Lato's goal. Poland topped the group, Boniek scoring twice as they beat Mexico 3-1.

In group three, Brazil also flattered to deceive. On Mar del Plata's rutted pitch, Sweden provided stiff opposition and led through Sjoeberg before Rivelino saved a point. The goalless draw against Sweden caused a crisis.

At Velez Sarsfield's stadium, Austria surprised everyone when Krankl's goals beat Spain and Sweden. But Asensi's late goal for Spain against Sweden proved meaningless after Toberto's first-half effort against Austria squeezed Brazil through behind their opponents.

Scotland's disastrous challenge began at Cordoba against Peru, Jordan's early goal augered well, but Peru, delightfully skillful, then tore them apart to win 3-1, Cubillas scoring twice. Masson's penalty miss at 1-1, was crucial. The situation worsened, and little Iran's 1-1 draw humbled a passionate footballing nation. Holland and Peru draw 0-0, and with Rensenbrink and Cubillas hat-tricks respectively, comfortably beat Iran.

In Mendoza, Holland — lacking the flair of 1974, barely coped with a revitalised Scottish side, who led, at one stage 3-1 — including Gemmill's magnificent goal — before Rep's solo run culminated in the goal that edged Holland through. (Rensenbrink's penalty for Holland was the 1,000th goal in World Cup finals history).

Two further groups would produce the finalists and the German decline continued in a goalless encounter with Italy in Buenos Aires. The Azzurri created numerous opportunities and their failure to capitalise was apparent also, when Rossi's goal beat Austria.

At Cordoba, Holland ran into form, thrashing Austria 5-1 and then shared four goals in an absorbing contest with Germany, highlighted by Arie Haan's wonderfully struck goal. Austria then beat Germany for the first time in 47 years, and in Buenos Aires, Italy, led and outplayed Holland for half-an-hour, before Krol and Neeskens inspired a revival. Brandts made amends for his own goal and Haan scored a stunning winner.

In group B, Argentina's Kempes scored twice against Poland in Rosario, Dirceu likewise, for an improved Brazil against Peru: the old rivals' tension-filled goalless draw in Rosario initially solved nothing.

Roberto scored twice in Brazil's 3-1 win over Poland in Mendoza and that left Argentina to beat Peru by four clear goals; and on an unforgettable evening in Rosario, Argentina duly obliged with two first and four second-half goals that tore Peru to shreds. Luque and Kempes scored twice.

The final: Argentina, irrepressibly bold; Holland tactically sophisticated — but pre-match gamesmanship left a sour taste.

Holland with Neeskens and Haan prevalent, created and squandered numerous early chances they would later regret. Kempes gave Argentina a half-time lead, but Holland dominated the second-half, rewarded late on by Nanninga's equaliser — then Rensenbrink's shot came off the post in the dying seconds. That proved decisive for extra-time goals from Kempes and Bertoni gave yet another host nation, World Cup glory.

In 1982, Spain hosted a tournament increased to 24 finalists, evoking considerable controversy long before the first ball was kicked.

Group one was dreadful: Italy — offering little indication of the transformation to come — scored once in tedious draws against Poland and Peru in Vigo. At La Coruna, Cameroun, surprisingly formidable, but goalless, did likewise: a 1-1 draw and Milla's disallowed goal almost shocked Italy in Vigo. Poland scored five against Peru and topped the group.

At Gijon, Madjer and Belloumi scored for Algeira against West Germany and created the upset of the tournament. Algeria then beat Chile 3-2, lost to Austria and were eliminated by the Austria-Germany Anchluss match.

In Barcelona's Nou Camp stadium, Belgium's Vandenbergh scored the first Opening Match goal since 1962, against holders Argentina. The latter still qualified after beating Hungary and El Salvador in Elche.

In Bilbao's cauldron, England beat France, Czechoslovakia and Kuwait without any fuss. The latter pinched a crucial point from Czechoslovakia but were comprehensively beaten by a French side whose 1-1 draw with Czechoslovakia got them through.

Hosts Spain, playing in Valencia's highly-charged atmosphere, required Ufarte's late penalty to draw with Honduras, then came from behind against Yugoslavia to win 2-1. And on a never be forgotten evening against an inspired Irish side, who had drawn with Yugoslavia and Honduras, Armstrong's goal gave Northern Ireland a momentous victory — and the group.

In Seville, Brazil's flamboyant, magical football restored faith in the game. After Socrates's marvellous winner against Russia, they contemptuously scored against New Zealand and Scotland — the latter's 2-2 draw with the Soviets proved insufficient.

Four further groups of three provided the semi-finalist. At Nou Camp, Boniek's brilliant hat-trick for Poland against Belgium proved invaluable after their goalless draw with Russia, who had to settle for Oganesian's goal against a disappointing Belgian side.

At Madrid's grandiose Bernabeu stadium, England's departure stemmed from goalless draws with Spain and West Germany. The latter qualified when Littbarski and Fischer scored to beat a poor Spanish side.

Barcelona's Sarria stadium was the venue for the remarkable Italian renasissance — and the hugely disappointing exit of the elegant Brazillians. Goals from Tardelli and Cabrini for the revitalised Azzurri, loosened Argentian's grip on the trophy, before a 3-1 defeat by Brazil completed a miserable Mundial.

Brazil against Italy was a classic. Socrates scored early on, then Rossi, suddenly and remarkably found his touch and scored twice. Falcao equalised splendidly in the second-half, but Rossi was to pounce again to complete Italy's fairytale — Brazil's nightmare.

France performing superbly, clinched the remaining semi-final place. Genghini's goal beat Austria, followed by a decisive, breathtaking victory over the Irish, Giresse and Rocheteau scoring two apiece. At Nou Camp, in a straightforward semi-final, Italy's transformation continued. Poland, like Brazil, had no answer to Rossi, who scored twice. In Seville, the superb West Germany-France semi-final had six goals, penalties and joined the elite list of all-time great matches.

Littbarski and Platini scored to force extra-time: French skills blossomed and Tresor and Giresse seemingly sealed the game before Rumminigge and Fischer rewarded Germany's gutsy fightback. Penalties: Schumacher, villain, after his dreadful foul on Battiston, turned hero to save Bossis's penalty and when Hrubesh scored, West Germany were in the final.

But they had shot their bolt and at Bernabeu. Italy — despite Cabrini's penalty miss in the first-half — coasted to a famous World Cup triumph — their third.

World Soccer Analysis

Paraguay employ 'total' football

from ERIC WEIL

PARAGUAY is one of those poor South American countries where professional soccer players — most of them semi-pro really — earn far less than they would almost anywhere else for their skills . . . and over the years they have had many outstanding, skilful players who did go abroad in a never-ending exodus.

This, perhaps, is the main reason why Paraguay has only reached the World Cup finals on three occasions and not since 1958.

Those coming quickly to mind among Paraguay's "exports" are Julio Cesar Romero — who could be one of the stars in Mexico this time — Achucarro, Aguero, Lezcano, Amarilla and the fondly remembered Arsenio Erico who still holds the Argentine league scoring record (49 goals in 1937) as well as many who played in Spain — some even at international level for that country — such as Heriberto Herrera, Eulogio Martinez, Anastasio Jara and also Cayetano Re who came back after playing and coaching for over 20 years in that country to be put in charge of the national team.

Positive

Under Re the team's style of fast attacking play brings back memories of the successful sides of the 50s when Paraguay twice reached the World Cup finals and won the South American championship.

Re is a fan of "total football" created by the Dutch in the 1970s and he has a positive approach to the game. He says: "The best defence is attack, even against a better team" and he feels his players have the basic needs for this type of game — talent, creativity and confidence . . . none more than Romero, one of the outstanding players in the world in this sense.

Perhaps Paraguay is a bit lucky to be in the World Cup finals this time. This is one of the rare World Cup years when no South American team qualified automatically for the finals as host or defending champions, so this time there were four instead of the usual three places to be won in qualifying groups . . . and Paraguay, who failed to win their group, managed to get to Mexico via a second chance — winning a tournament for runners-up.

For the latter they had all their foreign contingent available — Romero (who plays in Brazil), goalkeeper Fernandez, Nunes, Ferreira and Cabanas from Colombia and Canete from Mexico — and they were, and are, the backbone of the team. When only the latter could go on a recent tour of 11 matches in North America and Asia against comparatively poor rivals, results were poor but can hardly be taken as an indication of what will happen in Mexico.

Their most significant tour result was a 3-1 win over fellow World Cup finalists, South Korea, a little-fancied team like Canada, who will be in the finals for the first time and against whom Paraguay drew 0-0.

Currently the squad — the 15 home-based players — are training regularly in Asunción (in spite of earlier reluctance from their clubs to release them) and one curiosity is that the 22 include four goalkeepers, two of whom play abroad. On May 5, however, they were due to go to Bogotá (Colombia) for high-altitude training and some games where the four players with Colombian clubs will be able to join them.

Paraguay expects to use an elastic 4-3-3 line-up in the World Cup, basing their play on speed, rotation — specially between midfielders and forwards — and surprise. Re admits that they still lack speed in positioning and getting rid of the ball, but rigorous — for Paraguayans — training is gradually ironing out faults.

Paraguayan fans are optimistic that after a 28-year absence from the finals their team now has the attacking flair and individual skills to do well in Mexico. In first-round group E they meet Iraq, Belgium and Mexico and Re says: "We have no complaints about the draw. Our most difficult rivals will obviously be hosts Mexico and I know nothing about Iraq, but I don't think we are inferior to any of the other three teams."

A lot will obviously depend on Romero who may not be able to join the squad very much before the World Cup finals. The fans feel that he will take Paraguay to success if he gets some help from the rest of the team . . . which is an indication of the high regard they have for the player.

Will he be able to take them past the first-round group for the first time?

THE COACH

CAYETANO RE is one of the band of successful Paraguayan internationals who left to seek their fortunes abroad in the 1950s.

After over 20 years of playing and coaching in Spain, he returned to his home country in 1984 to take Guarani to the first division title. That success brought him the offer to take charge of the national team, but in March, 1985 — following four defeats — the team was disbanded and he was fired.

Within weeks he was back in the saddle to re-form the team to prepare for the World Cup qualifying games (although he had by then signed for another local first division club, Cerro Porteño). Being arguably the best coach in the country and with no money available to sign a foreigner — which was also resisted by a large part of the nationalistic sector — they had to rely on Re and passed over Hungarian "maestro" Ferenc Puskas who was coaching another club in the country.

Release

With Paraguay getting a second chance by finishing second to Brazil in their World Cup qualifying group, Re himself decided to quit due to the general disorganisation prevalent in Paraguayan soccer — clubs reluctant to release their players for the national team and little success by officials in repatriating "exiles" for the team — but was talked back into the job with certain guarantees and now, with Paraguay winning the runners-up replay to reach the finals for the first time in 28 years, is firmly in the saddle.

There is no doubt that Re has managed to put some sort of organisation into preparations which are often lacking in Paraguayan soccer and that under him the team is playing some of the fast, attacking soccer which brings back memories of the more successful 1950s.

THE PLAYERS

(Caps up to March 20, 1986)

Roberto Fernandez, goalkeeper, Deportivo Cali (Colombia), age 31/42 caps. First choice goalkeeper whenever available from his foreign club and the only one with plenty of international experience.

Jorge Battaglia, goalkeeper, Sol de America, 25/9. The regular occupant in matches for which "exiles" are not repatriated.

Julian Coronel, goalkeeper, Guarani, 26/5.

Jose Luis Chilavert, goalkeeper, San Lorenzo (Argentina), 20/0. A junior international called up for the senior squad for the first time. Very successful in the Argentine first division in which San Lorenzo signed him on loan and then, having no money available, opened a public subscription among members to buy him when the loan period expired.

Juan Bautista Torales, left or right back, Libertad, 30/57. Holds the record for international appearances in Paraguay. First choice.

Rogelio Delgado, central defender, Olimpia, 25/32. Currently national team captain and first choice for position.

Cesar Zavala, central defender, Cerro Porteño, 24/28. First choice.

Wladimiro Schettina, left back, Sol de America, 30/18. First choice.

Virginio Caceres, right or left back, Guarani, 26/19. Versatile defender suited as a reserve for several defensive positions.

Victor Hugo Zayaz, central defender, Atletico Colegiales, 26/0. Recently made his mark in the first division and called up for the first time.

Julio Cesar Romero, left or right half, Fluminense (Brazil), 28/20. The organiser-in-chief and undoubtedly the star of the team. Only has 20 caps as he has been playing abroad for most of his professional career — also for the New York Cosmos when they had an all-star team — leaving his country virtually when a junior international. Voted top player of South America by soccer writers from all over the continent at the end of last year.

Jorge Amado Nunes, midfielder, Deportivo Cali (Colombia), 24/10. First choice, strong marking midfielder.

Adolfino Canete, midfielder (left), Cruz Azul (Mexico), 29/13. Creative midfielder who also has few caps because he has been out of the country for some time, previously with FC Oeste's championship winning team in Argentina, and likely to be first choice.

Eufemio Raul Cabral, midfielder, Guarani, 31/11. Expected to be reserve for the midfield marking position.

Francisco Alcaraz, midfielder (right), Nacional, 25/8. Reserve.

Jorge Guasch, midfielder, Olimpia, 25/20. Experienced destructive midfielder and frequent substitute.

Buenaventura Ferreira, right winger, Deportivo Cali (Colombia), 25/14. First choice.

Ramon Angel Hicks, right winger or centre-forward, Libertad, 26/28. First choice. (A former Catholic priest.)

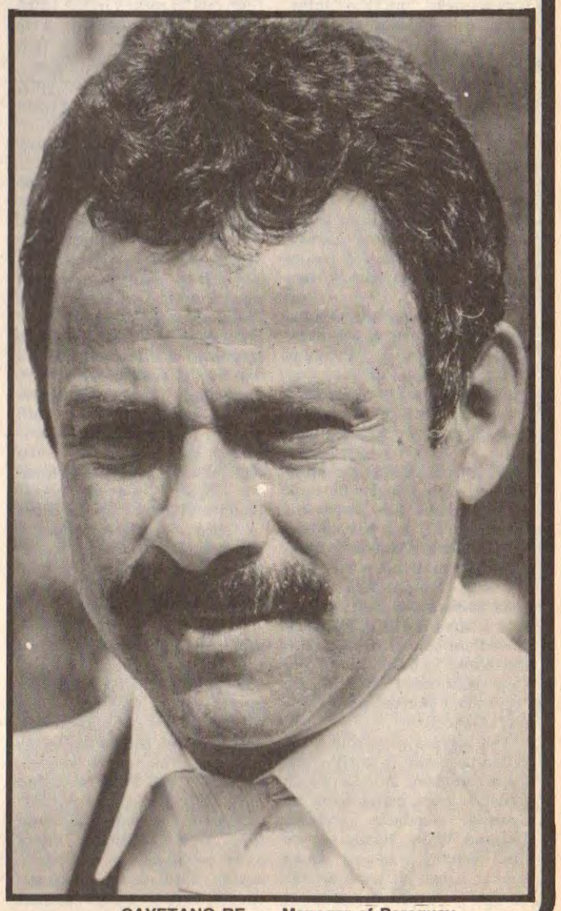
Roberto Cabanas, left winger or centre-forward, America de Cali (Colombia), 24/7. The most dangerous of the first choice attacking trio and also with few international appearances because he has been playing abroad for years where he has put up his best performances.

Evaristo Isasi, right winger, Olimpia, 30/5. Reserve, but with plenty of international experience at club level.

Faustino Alonso, centre-forward, Sol de America, 26/0. Called up for national team duty for the first time and a likely reserve.

Adriano Samaniego, left winger, Olimpia, 22/13. Experienced reserve in spite of his age.

PARAGUAY: Back row (left to right): Torales, Eufemio Cabral, Wladimiro Schettina, Cesar Zabala, Rogelio Delgado, Roberto Fernandez. Front: Buenanentura Ferreira, Rolando Chilavert, Adolfino Canete, Roberto Cabanas, Julio Romero.



CAYETANO RE . . . Manager of Paraguay

World Soccer Analysis

Tough task for double winners

URUGUAY, twice winners of the World Cup (in 1930 and 1950), are back in the finals again after an absence of 12 years. They return as South American champions – winning the title for the 12th time when tHE tournament was last held in 1983 – and, according to last year's playing records, still as the strongest team on the continent.

from ERIC WEIL

But they have to face two major problems.

When coach Omar Borras picks his final 22-man squad, it is likely to contain only about half a dozen players who actually play in Uruguay. This small country of less than three million inhabitants has always been a bit of a soccer enigma as a result of their good performances on the international scene, but due to its economic situation the country's best players have continually been "exported" to foreign clubs.

The Uruguayan clubs needed the money to keep going and the players could earn far more abroad. Borras was not far wrong when he said recently that he could form four teams with players playing abroad. As it is, his World Cup eleven will probably be entirely composed of "exiles".

This naturally has created training problems. It was these exiles who took Uruguay through to the finals last year by winning their group against Chile and Ecuador. Early this year Borras started training with a virtual B team of players with Uruguayan clubs who went to a tournament in Miami where they drew 1-1 with the US and beat World Cup finalists Canada 3-1 before returning home to draw 2-2 with Poland with a very good performance, all in February. Then the squad was dissolved and not more than half are likely to make the World Cup contingent if all the "exiles" on Borras' list are fit and able to play.

The players were due to be called up again in early April for a European tour for which matches were being fixed up against Northern Ireland, Holland, Wales, Spain, Greece and Norway and on which Borras hoped to have all his "exiles" . . . which was more wishful thinking with the European season not being over by then. The squad was then due to return in the third week of April and complete its training for Mexico in the high altitude of Bogotá (Colombia).

The question is for how long, if at all, will the complete team be able to train and play together before they reach Mexico.

The likely first team could be goalkeeper Rodolfo Rodriguez who plays for Santos in Brazil, defenders Victor Diogo (Palmeiras, Brazil), José Batista (Deportivo Español, Argentina), Nelson Gutierrez (River Plate, Argentina) and Dario Pereyra (Sao Paulo, Brazil), a probable midfield of Sergio Santin (Nacional Medellin, Colombia), Mario Saralegui (Elche, Spain) and Enzo Francescoli (River Plate, Argentina) with a front line of three from Wilmar Cabrera (Valencia, Spain), Carlos Nadal (Sevilla, Spain), Jorge Da Silva (Atletico Madrid, Spain), Venancio Ramos (Lens, France) and Carlos Aguilera, the lone home player (temporarily) with Nacional of Montevideo.

Uruguay's second major problem in the way of World Cup success is that they have been drawn in what everybody agrees is the toughest group with West Germany, Denmark and Scotland. But while Borras admitted to being a bit worried, he said: "We know Scotland have difficulty in scoring goals whatever the opposition and that West Germany lately have problems in getting a steady first team although they always do well in important tournaments. As for Denmark, who I have seen on videos, they really have a fascinating team and I can't understand how they were put in the hat with supposedly weaker teams.

"But if you want to win you have to beat many good teams on the way, so it might be better at the start. We will have to start in full gear and if we get through this group the road to the championship could be easier and then I have no doubts that we will at least get to the semi-finals . . . and we must not forget that Uruguay has always put up its best performances in the most difficult circumstances."

What Uruguay will lack in long training sessions they make up with experience of players with leading teams from all over the world . . . none more than versatile midfielder, Enzo Francescoli who could turn out to be one of the stars of the World Cup even though he is 25.

He is easily leading scorer in the Argentine first division with River Plate who are already champions and who owe most of their success to him and play worse without him. Although he plays more as a winger with his Argentine club, his favourite role is the one he fills for Uruguay as organiser — a position from which he is still a frequent scorer, mostly with free-kicks, penalties and headers.

Borras, himself with 25 years of top-level coaching experience behind him, also draws on the experience of his players because he is a firm believer that the players should give their opinions on tactics and the line-up of the team against each rival. He himself is a keen student of tactics and plans a game well. He has dozens of videos of matches and recently, he says, he spent some 50 hours watching and analysing a game played by the Germans, taking notes and replaying scenes continuously.

At home, Uruguay (and Borras) are criticised for playing too statically and without wingers. Not even Ramos and Aguilera are real wingers because they are far better at cutting in diagonally. The players themselves realise they will have to be in top physical shape and speed up their game and movements to have a chance. Whether Uruguay's team-work and tactics can be successful may not be possible to judge until they get going in Mexico itself.

THE MANAGER

OMAR B. BORRAS, aged 65, has been coaching for 25 years, not only soccer, but also athletics at national team level (and a bit of basketball) which, he says, has all been good experience.

In soccer, he coached several Uruguayan first division clubs — Sud America, Cerro, Huracán Buceo, Peñarol and Wanderers — between 1961 and 1976. He coached the national team for the 1966 World Cup finals, then again during 1975 and 1977 before becoming director of the Uruguayan FA's technical department in 1978, a job he still holds together with that of national team coach since 1982.

A keen student of the game and sports in general, Borras has taken courses on soccer training all over the world — and later given them — as well as for training athletics, volleyball, basketball, swimming, life saving and numerous related subjects and he has also written three books on soccer training.

Although his record in charge of the national team is good, he is criticised in Uruguay for his too conservative tactics, but he says: "If I had players like the great Juan Schiaffino today it would be another thing, but unfortunately I have not, so I have to adapt my tactics to the players available."

There is no one better to judge him, however, than one of his own leading players, Francescoli, who says: "Borras has a lot of experience and tactically plans a game well. He has also been able to do something which Uruguayan coaches found difficult in the past — form the players into a real grouped. With generally a lot of the players in the squad coming from Uruguay's two big clubs, Peñarol and Nacional, there was always a marked division between the two groups, but now only about half a dozen of the players actually play for Uruguayan clubs."

URUGUAY: Back (left-right): Rodolfo Rodriguez, Victor Diogo, Eduardo Acevedo, Fernando Alvez, Enzo Francescoli, Nelson Gutierrez, Dario Pereyra, Sergio Santin, Omar Borras. Front: (left-right): Wilmar Cabrera, Miguel Bossio, Mario Saralegui, Nestor Montelongo, Jorge Baorrios, Venancio Ramos, Dalton, Jose Batista (Coach Omar Borras).

THE PLAYERS

Rodolfo Rodrigue, goalkeeper, Santos (Brazil), aged 30/77 caps. Made his international team debut in 1976 after helping Uruguay to win the South American junior title the year before. He is now widely considered the number one goalkeeper on the continent and, at 1.89m could be one of the tallest in the World Cup finals. He is expected to be captain of the team.

Fernando Alves, goalkeeper, Peñarol, 27/2. Regular second choice since making his debut during 1980, but only played one other full international since then. He has plenty of international experience however as captain of the teams which won the South American junior titles in 1977 and 1979 and also played in two World Cup finals of that category. With his club, champions Peñarol, he also has played numerous international games and its considered the best goalkeeper in the first division.

Nelson Gutierrez, central defender, River Plate (Argentina), 25/28. South American junior champion in 1983, he then went to the world championships of that category and made his debut in the senior team the same year since when he has been a regular. Recently signed by the strong Argentine league champions, he is considered by many as the best central defender on the continent.

Eduardo Acevedo, left back, Defender, 27/32. Plays "libero" for his club and has not been a regular lately, but is a good defender and should make the Mexico squad. An internationl since 1982.

Cesar Vega, central defender, Danubio, 27/5. Made international debut in 1984, but gets his chance only when Uruguay is unable to call on players abroad.

Nestor Montelongo, right back, Nacional, 31/37. Experienced and an international since 1979.

Daniel Martinez, left back, Danubio, 27/30. A junior international South American Championship winner in 1979 who played in that category's world championship that year. He made his debut in the senior team the following year, but will most likely be a reserve in Mexico.

Victor Hugo Diogo, right back, Palmeiras (Brazil), 29/27. The likely first teamer for the position. A strong defender who made his international debut in 1979, but has only played lately when released by his Brazilian club.

Jose Batista, flank defender, Deportivo Español (Argentina), 24/6. Another outstanding defender who won the junior South American championship in 1981 and played in the category's world championship that year. Made his senior debut in 1984 and should be a first choice.

Miguel Bossio, midfielder, Peñarol, 27/22. South American junior championship winner and played in world championship in 1979, more of a marking midfielder, good at destroying attacks.

Dario Pereyra, central defender, Sao Paulo (Brazil), 30/30, South American junior champion in 1975, he made his senior debut the same year and is probably the team's outstanding defender.

Jorge Barrios, midfielder, Olympiakos (Greece), 26/52. Won South American junior championship in 1979, played in world championships same year and made senior debut in 1980 since when he has been a regular until being transferred abroad last year, but should be a first teamer.

Mario Saralegui, midfielder, Elche (Spain), 28/24. Another probable first teamer who won the South American junior championship in 1977 and made his debut in the senior team in 1979 since when he has gained plenty of experience.

Enzo Francescoli, midfielder, River Plate (Argentina), 25/21. South American junior championship winner in 1981, the year he also played in the Junior World Cup, made his senior debut in 1982 and has been a regular ever since as the outstanding play-maker — the position he prefers although with his club he plays more as a winger and is their leading scorer. Nevertheless, he also scores from his midfield role in the national team from headers, free-kicks and penalties (see above).

Sergio Santin, midfielder, Nacional Medallin (Colombia), 30/12. Made international debut in 1980, but has come more into the reckoning since moving abroad.

Jose Luis Zalazar, midfielder, Peñarol, 23/10. Only made his international debut in 1984 after playing junior internationals and has quickly gained in stature as one of the team's leading players.

Carlos Aguilera, winger, Nacional, 22/35. Fast, scoring winger who made his international debut in 1982 when only 18 and then played at junior level the following year. Foreign clubs have had their eye on him for some time and opposing defences better not lose sight of him either.

Venancio Ramos, winger, Racing Lens (France) 27/35. A senior international since 1978 after winning the South American junior championship in 1977, he is an elegant dribbler, good with left foot, who frequently comes on as a late substitute to add more punch to the attack.

Amaro Carlos Nadal, forward, Sevilla (Spain), 28/20. Strong forward fond of trying to barge his way through. Made international debut in 1982 after playing in 1977 South American junior championship and world championship that year.

Wilmar Cabrera, forward, Valencia (Spain), 27/22. Another strong and fast forward in the mould of abovementioned Nadal who first played for Uruguay in 1983.

Jorge Da Silva, forward, Atletico Madrid (Spain), 24/18. A junior international in 1981 with the South American championship winning team which then played in world championship that year. Made his debut with the seniors in 1982 and is currently a leading scorer in the Spanish league.

Pablo Bengochea, midfielder, Wanderers, 18/0. The young sensation in Uruguayan first division last season, with a high technical standard beyond his years, and excellent organiser, good individual play, difficult to mark because of his speed and rotation with hard shot and good at heading. Made a good international debut in the 2-2 draw against Poland in February and should catch the eye in Mexico if he gets his chance.

Reben Sosa, forward, Zaragoza (Spain), 21/3. Leading scorer in the Uruguayan league early in the season until transferred abroad. A very good centre-forward.

World Soccer Analysis

Through by the toss of a coin

by JON MARKS

THE TOSS of a coin gave Morocco qualification for Mexico at Tunisia's expense. Unfancied outsiders, the team led by Idriss Bamouss went on to push West Germany hard and draw with Bulgaria — although they also lost 3-0 to Peru thanks to goals from Challe and Cubillas.

The occasion was the 1970 World Cup. Morocco, captained by Bamouss and coached by former Yugoslavian goalkeeper Blagolev Vidinic, was independent Africa's first representative in the World Cup finals.

The team performed honourably, but returned home to several quiet years for Moroccan football — punctuated by an African Nations Cup victory by the narrowest of margins in 1976. Then in 1985 the game came alive again.

Successful runs in the Nations Cup and World Cup qualifying competitions boosted crowds and made footballers heros again: 1985 was Morocco's year of the footballer as much as the athletes Said Aouita and Nawal El Moutawakil had captured the public imagination in the Olympic year 1984 — when the national team qualified for Los Angeles, but lost to West Germany and Brazil.

Clubs also did well, with league champions FAR becoming the first Moroccan team to win an African title, winning the Champions Cup comfortably in the two-leg final against Zaire's AS Bilima — and more significantly eliminating Egyptian holders Zamalek in the semi-final. Moroccan football was on a high, reflecting well on a Brazilian, José Faria, coach of club and country, converted from Catholicism to Islam under the name of Mehdi Ben Faria — an original who has livened up the Moroccan scene, even though his detractors say his team for Mexico, with the talented strikers Krimau (of Le Havre in France) and Aziz Bouderbala (the "Swiss" from Sion) rather lonely up front, will be too defensive.

Morocco's recent successes have been based on an elite core of players now in their mid-twenties (Zaki, Haddaoui, Timmoumi and Aziz) or early thirties (Dolmy, Bouyahiaoui and Krimau).

The sometimes suspect defence is anchored by Zaki Badou, team captain and goalkeeper of world class, who has saved Morocco on countless occasions. Nourredine Bouyahiaoui has been a powerful defender over six seasons.

In midfield Dolmy, who can play anywhere, and Haddaoui, who is at his most inspired probing defences, are essential. But above all, Mohammed Timmoumi has shone as Morocco's skilled and sometimes visionary playmaker. However, an injury from the Zamalek cup tie — shortly before he was voted African Footballer of the Year — threatens to keep Timmoumi out of Mexico despite his enthusiasm to get back.

It will be a blow to Morocco — and especially the strikers Krimau and Aziz who need more support — if he cannot play or is below par. Timmoumi's injury underlines Morocco's weakness. There are plenty of possible reserves, but few are likely to reach the standard required in Mexico. Not surprisingly, Faria is looking towards professionals earning their keep in France. Unlike Algeria, Morocco does not, however, have a large coterie of European expatriates to call on.

Morocco first entered the World Cup in 1962, but its footballing history goes back much further. The great Wydad club of Casablanca (WAC) was just one centre for anti-colonial sentiment before independence in 1956.

The dark skinned Krimau is only the latest of a long line of players who have made their names in France. Best known was "the black pearl" Larbi Ben Barek, who was born in Casablanca in 1917 and won 17 caps for France.

But 1970 really introduced Morocco to the world stage. A Mohammed Houmane Jarir goal put them ahead against West Germany in their opening match — starting a line of notable North African results against West Germany in World Cup finals — but Uwe Seeler equalised and Gerd Mueller eventually scored the winner 12 minutes from time.

The team went on to make headlines for reports of riotous behaviour from their base at the Hotel Condesa in Leon. But they came away with one point at least.

THE MANAGER

JOSE FARIA built his career in his native Brazil with Fluminense, where he graduated from player to coach.

Now 52, Faria stands out on any bench in his track suit, which scarcely hides a spreading belly, and baseball cap. Appointed coach of FAR and then the national team on the recommendation of Jaime Valenté, Faria already had experience in the Arab world, coaching Qatar to a Junior World Cup final in Australia. He now says that his mission in Morocco will end after the World Cup and has had contacts with officials in Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

THE PLAYERS

Zaki Badou. Goalkeeper. WA Casablanca. Aged 27/98 caps. A 5-1 defeat by Algeria in 1979 which eliminated Morocco from the 1980 Olympics led to wide-ranging changes at the international level — and brought in tall, gifted keeper Zaki. Since then Zaki has become national captain and an indispensable element in Morocco's play. His inspirational saves, consistent technique and organising abilities dominate at the back — indeed, Morocco are too reliant on that final breathtaking save to reduce the number of goals a sometimes suspect defence would otherwise concede. Zaki let in only one goal (in the last match, a 1-0 defeat in Libya) in eight World Cup qualifying matches. Now 26, Zaki is a national institution, refusing jobs abroad to remain in Morocco. However, the keeper had problems earlier this year when the Wydad club dropped him, apparently over a conflict of "attitude". Given the relatively high standard of Moroccan keeping his understudy performed well, but Zaki settled his differences and got back into the team.

Salaheddine Hmied. Goalkeeper. Forces Armée Royale (FAR). 25/18. Tall, more powerfully built than Zaki, Hmied is one of several very good keepers waiting in the wings. Not in Zaki's class, but impressive during a great season when FAR won the African Champions Cup, thanks to two flying saves in a semi-final penalty shoot-out against reigning champions Zamalek of Egypt. But Hmied could not repeat that inspired form in warm-up internationals, letting in three against Spain U-21 in Malaga shortly before the Nations Cup finals in March.

Abdelfatah Mouddani. Goalkeeper. Kenitra AC. 30/35. An experienced and reliable international third string, but barring disasters unlikely to play.

Khalifa Labd. Defender. Kenitra AC. 31/33. Full-back who stood out in Nations Cup matches along with his KAC colleague Bouyahiaoui. A tough, physical right-back he could have forced himself into Faria's starting line-up for Mexico — especially if Biaz does not play.

Abdelmajid Lemriss. Defender. FAR. 27/33. A skilled left-back with plenty of international experience, Lemriss was sent off against Cameroun in the Nations Cup in March, but is usually thought of as a stabilising influence.

Mustapha Biaz. Defender. KAC Marrakesh. 25/39. A full-back, happy in the centre of the defence, Biaz is controversial and talented. Currently settled at KACM, his name has been associated with FAR, but he will probably stay in Marrakesh, his fourth club — an unusual total for a 24-year-old Moroccan. A footloose Biaz moved first from the small Taza club to MAS, then to Raja in Casablanca before KACM. Since his international debut in 1983 against Guinea, Biaz has consistently impressed more for country than club, but may need to perform well in World Cup run-up to hold his place. He was suspended for a year by the CAF for attacking the referee after Morocco's Nations Cup semi-final against Egypt — Moroccans claim the Ethiopian, Mr Tesfaya ended the match early. The ban does not, however, cover matches outside the CAF's African jurisdiction.

Nourredine Bouyahiaoui. Defender. KAC. 31/53. Six years' international experience have made the 31-year-old Kenitran indispensable in his role as sweeper/stopper. He is difficult to beat and uses his height to cut out the cross and add firepower to corners.

Bouassa El Aouad. Defender. Lens. Aged 21. Faria has yet to bring relatively unknown expatriates into his teams, unlike other African coaches. However, if another back is needed the short, but effective El Aouad could be called in. Like the Algerian forward Cherif Oudjani he is a product of the excellent Lens youth team. In his search for more experienced backs, Faria is also reportedly watching Filali (whose brother played in 1970) in the French third division.

Lahcen Ouadine, called Hcina. Defender. FAR. 27/60. Tall, bearded and balding, Hcina's neat touches, dependable tackling, even his confident back passes have won Faria's confidence — but he is more popular with the coach than with the Rabat crowd who see his technical limitations rather than his Liverpool-style professionalism. Hcina has mastered the art of playing within his own limitations, forcing his way into the team. One of the large FAR contingent who will figure in Faria's starting line-up.

Mustapha Bidane. Defender. COD Meknes. 20/9. Emerging left-back on the fringe of Faria's squad, one of several younger players who could be picked, including **Fadil Jallal (21/6)**, the WAC full-back and **Abdellatif Yakdane (27/1)** of DH Jadida, who was in the squad for Egypt like Bidane.

Hamaou Fadili. Midfield. FAR. 29/14. Useful in attack or defence Fadili boosted his international career by holding his place in the African Nations Cup, booking his ticket to Mexico.

Saad Dahane. Midfield. FAR. 30/15. Captain of the African champions, like so many FAR colleagues including Timmoumi and Haidamou, just recovering from injury. Dahane has long years of international experience which Faria may use. Prefers the role of an old-fashioned centre-half.

Mouncif El-Haddaoui. Midfield. AS Salé. 22/14. Not to be confused with the great Mustapha Haddaoui, the Salé man has impressed as the Salé club increases in stature, putting him on Faria's shortlist for inclusion in the Mexico squad.

Abdelmajid Dolmy. Midfield. RCA. 33/126. An all-round utility player, crucial to the midfield. First cap back in 1974 when Morocco beat Senegal 4-0 in Fez and Dolmy shone for the first time. Capable of playmaking which will be especially important if Timmoumi cannot play. More than competent in defence and counter-attacking. The daily *Al Bayane* made Dolmy its player of the year despite Timmoumi's epic season. This may have a lot to do with Casablanca loyalties, but highlights the player's stature all the same.

Mohammed Timmoumi. Midfield. FAR. 26/52. Now a mature 26, this World Cup should by rights be Timmoumi's stage. A thrilling libéro, whose abundant gifts include goalscoring, a turn of speed which defeats most defenders, very tight control and a sharp passing vision, Timmoumi's sheer class has driven Morocco to Mexico. The attacking pair of Krimau and Aziz Bouderbala will badly miss his creative skills — as Morocco did in the Cairo Nations Cup — if he cannot play. As with Algeria's Belloumi, injury has wrecked what should have been a vintage season. A clumsy tackle (or a clever foul) by Zamalek's Gamal Abdallah in the Rabat Champions Cup semi-final last November caused serious damage. Despite intensive treatment it became clear that Timmoumi would still need physiotherapy in March and April — and would arrive in Mexico after minimal training. His love of the left side of the pitch comes from early days as a left winger and that still shows in his pace and ability to get to the touchline. It is questionable to what extent he can regain these elements of his game for Mexico. Timmoumi is an African midfield player in the mould of Theophile Abéga, Cameroun's inspiration in 1982. Like Abéga he has won the African Footballer of the Year accolade. But whether he too can shine on the world stage remains to be seen. If he can show anything like his top form the World Cup will make Timmoumi a very attractive proposition for European clubs. He will almost certainly cross the Mediterranean after Mexico, having nearly joined Malaga in 1984.

MOROCCO: Back row (left to right): Jose Faria (manager), Noureddine Bouyahyaoui, Mustapha Biaz, Aziz Bouderbala, Hammou Fadili, Mustapha Haddaoui, Ezzaki Baddou, Jordan Vieira (trainer). Front row: Khalid el Bied, Mohamed Timoumi, Abdelmajid Lamriss, Abdelmajid Dolmy, Mustapha Merry.

Mustapha Merry. Midfield. Valenciennes. 26/22. An exciting, elegant player who was Morocco's "star" not more than two years ago, Merry seems to have dropped out of the reckoning just when his older brother Krimau has risen so sharply in status. But with Timmoumi doubtful and Faria disappointed with his local players' performance in Cairo, Merry Mustapha could be just the man for Mexico. Merry himself says his main concern is keeping Valenciennes in the French second division. He is team captain there. His style and goals may yet be seen in Monterrey.

Jebran Jamal. Midfield. KAC. 31/40. Capped since the 1970s, Jebran has still to fully establish himself as an international, but picked for the Nations Cup squad in March for his attacking temperament.

Abderrazak Khairi. Midfield. FAR. 24/26. Attacking player who will be included in squad for Mexico and may make starting line-up unless Faria radically reshuffles his pack.

Abdallah Haidamou. Midfield. FAR. 25/13. Another FAR player in the wars, out for Egypt, but back with his club. Sharp attacking instincts are not matched by cool finishing.

Mustapha Haddaoui. Midfield. Lausanne. 26/32. Along with his former Raja colleague Dolmy, Haddaoui is an automatic selection. Now enchanting Swiss supporters having joined Lausanne in June 1985. His long shooting is a major asset, helping Morocco with the Mediterranean Games title. A true professional, Haddaoui with his distinctive Kevin Keegan haircut, operates from the centre of midfield moving wide and forward. His style of play is not unlike Trevor Brooking. Plenty of natural talent is backed up by a solid technique, Haddaoui is a key element.

Aziz Bouderbala. Forward. Sion. Born Dec 26, 1960 in Casablanca/41 caps. Local boy made good, Aziz made his debut for WAC in 1977 and developed into one of the great club's very best strikers before leaving for Switzerland in 1983. Now has a large following with Sion after a difficult start. Excellent international form has made him a regular fixture since the 1983 Mediterranean Games. His goals were essential in Morocco's qualification for Mexico — enhanced by an excellent understanding with his striking partner Krimau. Most recently all observers made him one of the very best performers in the African Nations Cup.

Abdelkrim "Krimau" Merry. Centre forward. Born Jan 13, 1955/44 caps. Over six feet tall, powerful and experienced, Krimau has had a vintage season with Le Havre in France, paired with Algeria's Bensaoula, and for Morocco. Typically he arrived in Egypt after Morocco's dull opening draw against Algeria and quickly opened his account with a goal against Cameroun. Krimau is a hardened pro who has weathered the international pace better than his brother Mustapha. Before Le Havre came Strasbourg, Metz, Bastia and Lille. Now back in his very best Metz form, Krimau not only knows what to do in front of goal, but has the power (with head and feet) and flare to do it. Working with his striking partner Aziz, Krimau has a lot of pressure on him — defences beware.

Abdelfattah Laabati. Centre forward. MAS. 23/12. Krimau's understudy, one of very few MAS players in the side, which is rather strange given the Fez club is champion once again. Laabati, known as Fattah, could be used as a third forward — otherwise we will have to wait a little bit longer to see a leading striker of the future. Good with head and capable of using both feet to effect as a good finisher.

Hassan Hanini. Forward. Bordeaux. Born 21-10-58 at Bouznika/10 caps. A talented striker who had problems finding a place in the French club's all-star team. Now establishing himself in France and Morocco where Faria listed him with his original Nations Cup squad. Scored on his first appearance for Morocco and now very likely to go to Mexico.

Abdelaziz Souleimani. Left winger. MAS. 27/24. A good finisher, brought in to give Morocco width, could feature in Mexico.

Rajhi Fakhredine. Right winger. WAC. 27/17. More popular with supporters than the national coach, many Moroccans believe Fakhredine has deserved more caps. In squad for Cairo. but not yet a key component in Faria's teams.

Abdesalam Laghrissi. Right winger. FAR. 26/32. Could play in midfield if wings are occupied, Laghrissi's season was dogged with injury, but playing with FAR in Championship by February means Faria may stand by him.

Khaled Labied. Right winger. FUS. 32/38. His many critics call him slow and supporters are quick to remember dozens of missed chances in front of goal, but Labied has experience on his side and Faria seems to have confidence, playing, him in Egypt. A veteran of the 1970s, Labied had a spell as a professional in the UAE. He should continue his travels in Mexico.

World Soccer Analysis

Shades of '66 for Portugal

by KEIR RADNEDGE

TWENTY years have passed since Portugal last graced the World Cup finals. Inevitably the prospect of their appearance in Mexico brings flooding back the memories of the great days of Eusebio and Co in England in 1966.

Portugal finished third then in what was their debut in the finals. They lost 2-1 to England — ironically, their opening opponents in Mexico — in the semi-finals and then defeated the Soviet Union, Lev Yashin and all, by the same margin in the third-place play-off.

In football terms that was a long, long time ago. Sports history. But the continuity between Portugal then and now is real and maintained in the person of Jose Torres. In 1966 in England he was Portugal's centre-forward, a giant of a man, standing head and shoulders above his team-mates and most of his opponents. His heading ability created many openings which Eusebio converted into goals.

Now that same Torres is ready once again to clash swords with England and the world, but this time as Portugal's manager. Yet, only last autumn, he was less than 90 minutes away from ignominous dismissal. That was the evening Portugal visited West Germany for their last match in the World Cup qualifying tournament.

Portugal had to win to qualify. It was a task which appeared beyond them after a string of poor results had spoiled their good start to the group and wiped away all the confidence created by a semi-finals appearance in the 1984 European championship. Torres's job was on the line since the Germans had never been known to lose any match in the World Cup qualifiers, either home or away.

But in Stuttgart that night, against all the odds, a 25-yard drive from Benfica midfielder Carlos Manuel won both the match and the ticket to Mexico.

Not that this was an end to problems for Torres. He has not had the luxury, available to many of his rivals, of being able to summon his star players away to special training camps. Instead he had to fit his occasional preparations in and around the busy schedules of top clubs Porto, Benfica and Sporting.

For it is with the clubs that the power lies in Portuguese football. The importance of keeping them sweet was underlined by the fact that no fewer than 23 of the 30 players used in the qualifying tournament came from the Big Three. These include Porto's free-scoring skipper Fernando Gomes, former European Golden Boot winner, who carries Portugal's attacking responsibilities in Mexico.

He must carry them alone because, perhaps surprisingly, the Mexico-bound squad does not include Manuel Fernandes, the Sporting skipper whose 30 goals this past season, earned him the league's top-scorer award. Fernandes had been critical of Torres in the past and, despite some attempted peace talks, they never really resolved their differences.

Sporting had only Fernandes's goal-a-game strike rate to console them at the end of a season which they had started in table-topping form. At the end of term they had to watch jealously as Porto pipped Benfica to retain their title on the last day. Porto recovered from being 2-1 down to defeat bottom club Covilha 4-2 at home — Gomes scored twice — while Benfica lost 1-0 to Boavista just across the city.

Six players from both Porto and Benfica are in the squad of 22 for Mexico though Torres has not had a chance to see them in action together since early spring and three embarrassing World Cup warm-up games against Finland (drawn 1-1), Luxembourg (won 2-0) and East Germany (lost 3-1) all played at home. It was suggested at the time that a faction inside the federation wanted Torres sacked because he could not smooth over the inter-club rivalries between players from the Big Three. But then, by conceding Torres only the bare minimum in terms of warm-up arrangements, the federation never gave him a chance.

Torres, a surprise choice as national boss in the first place, has not found the job totally satisfying. He says: "Although the greatest ambition for any player or coach is to be selected for the national team, I do miss the day-to-day club involvement. The greatest joy for any coach is having a team winning match after match, week after week."

He does not believe the 1966 team to have been in any way superior to the present squad. Torres says: "We have players now as good as those in 1966 — thanks to much of the work undertaken at club level in the last few years to make our players much more competitive.

"How will we get on in Mexico? I wish I knew. What I do fear is that people here will get carried away by our qualification. It's a Portuguese characteristic to go from rock bottom to sky high and then back again in a minute. I have to help my players find some middle ground.

"But I believe we are as well equipped as England or Poland and I believe we will finish in one of the top two places in our first round group. Overall, I see Brazil, Argentina and France as favourites. But each World Cup throws up a surprise team. Maybe that could be us!"

THE MANAGER

JOSE TORRES. Full name: Jose Augusto Costa da Senica Torres. Born: September 8, 1938. Scored 14 goals in 32 games at centre-forward for Portugal during a 12-year career with Benfica which began when an uncle took him for a trial in 1959.

Collected Champions' Cup runners-up medals in 1963 and 1968 — on both occasions at Wembley, first against Milan, then against Manchester United. Torres made two other Wembley appearances during his career. He was a member of the Portuguese team which lost 2-1 to England in the 1966 World Cup semi-final, then beat the Soviet Union 2-1 in the third-place match.

Torres scored three goals in those finals, his third being the 88th-minute winner against the Soviets. Torres left Benfica for Setubal in 1971 then became player-coach to first division Estoril in 1976.

Later managed Varzim before being surprisingly appointed to succeed Fernando Cabrita as Portugal boss in the summer of 1984 — after the national team had reached the semi-finals of the European championship. Away from football Torres is a pigeon-fancier.

THE PLAYERS

(Ages as at May 31; caps as at April 23)

Manuel Galrinho BENTO. Goalkeeper. Aged 37/63 caps. Benfica. Bento will be 38 on June 25. Began with minor club Riachense, moved up with Barreirense and was signed by Benfica in 1972. Youth international who is now club captain and has also captained the national team. Bento has a reputation for inconsistency, largely founded on a couple of mistakes in Benfica's repeated Champions' Cup clashes with Liverpool. Has been Portugal's first choice 'keeper for almost a decade.

Vitor Manuel Alfonso Damas OLIVEIRA. Goalkeeper. 38/27. Sporting Clube de Portugal (Lisbon). Oldest player in the squad. Began with Sporting in the mid-1960s and earned a first-team place after injury to then national team goalkeeper Joaquim Carvalho. Played in Spain with Santander then returned home to join the Algarve club Portimonense. The subject of controversy when he was sent off in a league match against Benfica in 1983-84, he was about to retirement at the season's end. However, Sporting then struck a goalkeeping crisis and persuaded him to play on — for them. Made his national team return in the 2-0 win over Luxembourg in February.

PORTUGAL

PORTUGAL: Back Row (L-R): Euricao, Rui Jordao, Joao Pinto, Alvaro, Lima Pereira. Front row: Manuel Bento, Jaime Pacheco, Sousa, Frasco, Chalana, Carlos Manuel.

Jorge Manuel Martins da SILVA. Goalkeeper. Aged 31. Belenenses. International experience restricted to one appearance for Portugal's youth team. Followed Bento as goalkeeper with minor club Barreirense, then played for Vitoria Setubal before joining Belenenses last year.

Joao Domingos de Silva PINTO. Right-back. 24/23. FC Porto. His appearance at the World Cup was at one time in doubt after a leg injury early this year. He returned to league action, however, at the end of March in time to prove his fitness to Torres. Porto signed him from junior club Oliveira do Douro in 1976 at the age of 14. His potential allowed them to sell right-back Gabriel at the end of the 1982-83 season and Joao Pinto succeeded him with both club and country. Portugal debut in a 3-0 defeat by France in 1983 but was Portugal's regular right-back at the 1984 European championship and a member of the Porto team which finished Cup-Winners' Cup runners-up to Juventus that same year.

Antonio Mauricio Farinha MORATO. Centre-back. 21/4. Sporting. One of the most promising defenders in Portuguese football, signed by Sporting from junior club Louro in 1978 at the age of 13. Made his senior debut with Sporting under John Toshack and his Portugal debut in a 2-0 defeat by Italy in April last year after injury to European championship centre-back Lima Pereira.

Pedro Manuel Regateiro VENANCIO. Centre-back. 22/5. Sporting. Was signed as a junior by Vitoria Setubal but they did not rate him and Sporting took advantage to sign him in 1978. Has missed only one international since making his debut in the 1-0 World Cup defeat by Czechoslovakia last September.

ALVARO Monteiro Magalhaes. Left-back. 25/11. Benfica. Joined Benfica from Academico Coimbra in 1981. Recovered from a serious leg injury in the autumn of 1983 to play a notable role in Portugal's run to the semi-finals of the European championship the following year. Has since lost his national team place to Inacio.

Luis Fernando Pedro Goncalves SOBRINHO. Centre-back. Aged 25. Belenenses. Surprise choice for the finals squad as he had not figured in any previous team selected by Torres. Youth international whom Belenenses signed last year from Vitoria Setubal.

FREDERICO Nobre Rosa. Centre-back. 29/4. Boavista. One of two Boavista players to break through to the Mexico squad. Frederico began his career with CUF then joined Benfica — who told him he would never make the grade. Boavista signed him three years ago and he made his Portugal debut in the 1-0 World Cup defeat by Czechoslovakia last September in Prague.

Jose Antonio Prudencio Condo BARGIELA. Utility defender. 28/2. Belenenses. Made his name when national boss Jose Torres was coach to Estoril, and then transferred to Belenenses three years ago. Usually plays centre-back for his club but his two internationals so far have been as defensive midfielder in the famous win in West Germany and then at right-back early this year against Luxembourg when Joao Pinto was injured.

Augusto Soares INACIO. Left-back. 31/22. FC Porto. Made his Portugal debut as a substitute in a 1-0 win over the United States in Setubal in September, 1978. Has regained his place, having lost it for the 1984 European championship after an unlucky season which began with him being sent off in a friendly against Swiss club Servette and ended with injury problems.

Jamie Fernandes MAGALHAES. Midfield. 23/7. FC Porto. Utility player who is included in the squad for Mexico even though he has not played an international match this season. FC Porto have been his only club and he broke into the first-team squad in 1983-84 during an injury crisis. Held his place through to the Cup-Winners' Cup final by Juventus.

Antonio dos Santos Fernandes ANDRE. Midfield. 28/5. FC Porto. Played for Rio Ave and Varzim before joining Porto two years ago as replacement for fellow international midfielder Sousa (also in the Mexico squad), who had left to join Sporting Lisbon.

Jose Joaquim Pimental RIBEIRO. Midfield. 28/2. Boavista. Began with Botafogo — not the famous Brazilian club, but a junior team in Setubal. Boavista signed him from Academico Coimbra last year. Both his international appearances so far have been as second-half substitute.

CARLOS MANUEL Correia dos Santos. Midfield. 28/38. Benfica. Portugal's midfield general and the man whose 25-yard drive earned a shock victory away to West Germany and the all-important passport to the World Cup finals. Played for CUF Setubal and Barreirense (like club colleague Bento) before Benfica signed him in 1979. Nicknamed the "Portuguese Falcao." In the season leading up to the last European championship his temper earned suspensions of six matches and three matches but he seems to have calmed down in the past two years as he has continued to improve as a player.

Jaime Moreira PACHECO. Midfield. 27/19. Sporting. Caused a major scandal when he was lured away from FC Porto to join Sporting immediately after helping Porto to the Cup-Winners' Cup final and appearing in the European championship. He had nearly joined Sporting a year earlier but the clubs could not agree a fee. He was free to go a year later because his contract had by then expired. Tireless worker who was originally signed by Porto from minor club Aliadas de Louredo on the personal insistance of the late Jose Maria Pedroto, one of the country's most influential coaches since the war.

Antonio Augusto da Silva VELOSO. Midfield or full-back. 29/9. Benfica. Born in Madeira and joined Benfica from Beira-Mar in 1980. Played once in the European championship finals in 1984 as substitute, having lost his national team place through a knee injury during the previous season. Recovered to win a player-of-the-season award the following year.

Antonio Augusto Gomes de SOUSA. Midfield. 29/17. Sporting. Born in Madeira and joined FC Porto from Beira-Mar in 1979. Made his Portugal debut in Porto's Das Antas stadium in a 1-1 draw with Portugal in April, 1981. Quit Porto — along with Jaime Pacheco — to join Sporting after playing a key role in Portugal's European championship semi-final run in 1984.

Jose Rui Lopes AGUAS. Forward. 26/3. Benfica. Son of the Angolan-born Jose Aguas, who was captain and centre-forward of Benfica's Champions' Cup-winning teams of 1961 and 1962. Rui Aguas was born in Lisbon, began (naturally) with Benfica but was allowed to leave after finding his father's reputation more of a hindrance than a help. His fine form with Portimonense on the Algarve earned him a Portugal debut and Benfica bought (!) him back last year. Under English coach John Mortimore, he finished as Benfica's second-highest scorer with 10 goals this past season.

Diamantino Manuel Fernandes MIRANDA. Winger. 26/19. Benfica. Never a regular member of the national team but a regular member of the squad. Had played only for Vitoria Setubal before Benfica signed him as an 18-year-old in 1977. His most prolific season was 1983-4 when he was Benfica's second top scorer with 19 goals, including a hat-trick against Espinho.

Paulo Jorge dos Santos FUTRE. Winger/midfield. 20/11. FC Porto. The finest young player in Portuguese football, whose emergence has covered the absence of Fernando Chalana, the long-time-injured European championship star. His ability caused virtual civil war among the national managers in 1983-84 because they could not decide whether he should play for the senior or youth team. Futre joined Sporting Clube at 12 and made his first-team debut on a tour of Brazil, in May 1983. Four months later he made his full international debut in a 5-0 win over Finland. Futre was then 17 years six months 21 days, Portugal's youngest-ever player at senior level. It was a major shock when he walked out on Sporting in the summer of 1984 to join FC Porto — Porto's revenge for the way Sporting had lured away midfielders Jaime Pacheco and Sousa. In 1985 Futre almost joined Atletico Madrid but the deal fell through because hard-up Atletico could not agree payment terms.

Fernando Mendes Soares GOMES. Centre-forward. 29/42. FC Porto. The most outstanding marksman in Portuguese football even if, with 20 goals, he came third this past season in the league scoring lists behind veteran Manuel Fernandes (Sporting, 30) and the Brazilian Paulinho Cascavel (Vit Guimaraes, 25). Gomes joined Porto at 15 and was the league's leading scorer three years in a row with 26 (in 1977), then 24 (1978) and 27 (1979). He moved to Gijon in Spain but spent most of his two years there on the treatment table and returned to Porto in 1982. In 1982-83 he scored 36 goals to win the Golden Boot as Europe's top league scorer and then regained it after scoring a personal record 39 goals in 1984-85. Gomes captained Porto to the 1984 Cup-Winners' Cup final against Juventus and headed the vital goal with which Portugal beat Sweden in their opening match in the recent World Cup qualifiers.

World Soccer Analysis

ITALY WILL RECALL '66

By PETER BURNS and ROBERT ALEXANDER

SOUTH KOREA will revive more memories of England in 1966 than Switzerland in 1954 when they take on Argentina, Bulgaria and Italy at this summer's World Cup finals in Mexico . . . especially for the Italians.

For it was the Azurri who were beaten 1-0 by South Korea's neighbours North Korea and then condemned to a first-round exit that saw their disgraced squad pelted with tomatoes 20 years ago, while the North Korean team went on to capture everyone's hearts with a delightful World Cup showing.

As a result, the 1986 South Koreans are likely to be treated with a great deal more respect than their own previous record at the finals truly warrants.

For in 1954, when they last qualified for the finals, South Korea were crushed 9-0 by Hungary and 7-0 by Turkey, two humiliating defeats which ambitious and hard-working manager Kim Jung-Nam is certain will not be repeated in Mexico.

"I hardly expect such things will happen again in 1986," he said. "My team is the best South Korea has produced in four decades. I know Italy, the holders, Bulgaria and Argentina are superior to us in every respect, but they will find it extremely difficult to brush us aside."

Kim, a former international defender and club manager at Yukong, has led South Korea on a long and arduous qualifying route to reach the finals in Mexico and added serious preparation on tours in Mexico and Europe to the already strong team spirit and improvisational individualistic skills.

They won Asian sub-group A in the first qualifying round, beating Nepal twice and losing only 1-0 in Kuala Lumpur to Malaysia whom they beat 2-0 in Seoul to go through.

In the second round, South Korea did the double over Indonesia with an aggregate of 6-1 in their favour to earn a place against Japan in the final qualifying round. Again, they pulled off another double, winning 2-1 in Tokyo and 1-0 in Seoul to clinch their place in Mexico with Iraq, the other Asian group qualifiers.

Manager Kim should take much of the credit for their impressive qualifying form. He took over following the 1-0 defeat in Malaysia and then proceeded to guide the team to a string of triumphs and a place in Mexico.

To build on his success with the team's five wins over Malaysia (2-0), Indonesia (2-0 and 4-1) and Japan (2-1 and 1-0), Kim took South Korea to a tournament in Mexico last December where they learned more than they achieved in losing 2-1 to the hosts, 1-0 to Hungary, drawing 1-1 with local team Atlanta and beating Algeria 2-0.

"We learned a lot," said Kim. "That tournament gave the players the confidence to compete with any team in the world. But we were physically inferior and we must improve our tackling and set-pieces."

More of the learning process took place in Europe early in the New Year when the South Koreans toured for a month and played friendlies against various club teams. Their most notable result was a 3-2 victory over Anderlecht in Brussels, coming from behind to snatch victory.

Michel DeGreef and Juan Lozano put Anderlecht in front, but Lee Tae-Ho, Kim Jung-Boo and Kim Yoo-Sung hit back to earn the Koreans a very impressive triumph against one of Europe's strongest club sides and semi-finalists in this season's European Champions' Cup.

The introduction of professional soccer in 1983 has been cited by many observers as the reason for South Korea's qualification. But, while professionalism probably gave them the edge over the equally talented, but amateur Japanese, the main reason for their success lies in FIFA's decision to grant two finals berths to the Asian confederation.

Thus, with the Asian section being divided into East and West qualifying zones, the Koreans avoided their two biggest nemeses in regional competitions; Australia and the Asian nations of the Middle East. In previous World Cup qualifying tournaments, the Koreans have been eliminated when confronted by teams from these regions.

Soccer has been played on the Korean peninsula for over three quarters of a century. European missionaries and technicians are generally credited with introducing the game before the Japanese annexation in 1910. In 1938 the Korean Football Association was founded in Seoul and, although it gained membership to FIFA two years later, it remained under the wing of the Japanese association until liberation in 1945.

FIFA membership enabled Korea to enter the 1948 Olympic Games as one of three Asian representatives. After beating Mexico 5-3, the Koreans had their first taste of European soccer and were humiliated 12-0 by eventual gold medallists Sweden.

While the 1950-53 Korean War halted further international activity, the game in the South was flourishing. The emergence of many clubs, mostly associated with commercial concerns or the military, prompted the introduction of the South's first nationwide competition, the President's Cup (not to be confused with the international tournament of the same name), in 1952.

The first national team representing the newly-independent South Korea made its international debut in 1953 with a successful tour of Hong Kong and Singapore. A year later, after eliminating Japan in the qualifiers, the fledgling South Koreans found themselves treading the world stage in the Swiss World Cup and were thrashed out of sight.

Following that unhappy World Cup experience, the KFA realised that more international exposure was needed and joined the Asian Football Confederation in time to compete in the football tournament of the 1954 Asian Games. The South Koreans played well enough to finish runners-up to Taiwan, then a regional football power.

Two years later, the Koreans defeated Israel and South Vietnam, and drew with the hosts, Hong Kong, to win the first edition of the Asian Cup. They repeated the feat in the Seoul finals of 1960, but these remain South Korea's only victories in Asia's premier competition.

South Korea came desperately close to qualifying for the 1974 World Cup finals but, after drawing both legs of the deciding tie, lost the play-off against Australia; their conquerors in the 1970 World Cup qualifiers. The Koreans progressed to the play-off group again in the 1978 qualifiers, but finished runners-up to Iran.

In 1978, the first South Korean footballer appeared in a major overseas league. Cha Bum-kun made one appearance that year for Darmstadt in the West German Budesliga and returned the following year to join Eintracht Frankfurt. Later Huh Jung-moo (PSV Eindhoven), Kim Chin-kook (Darmstadt) and Cho Young-jeung (Chicago Sting) also sought professional careers overseas.

SOUTH KOREA

SOUTH KOREA — Kim Ho-kon (Ass Coach), Cho Byung-duk, Choi Soon-ho, Yoo Byung-ok, Kim Jong-boo, Chung Jong-soo, No Soo-jin, Cho Min-kook, Kim Joo-sung, Cho Young-jeung, Oh Yun-kyo, Kim Jung-nam (Manager). Front: Jung Yong-hwan, Kim Sam-so, Lee Tae-ho, Byon Byung-joo, Cho Kwang-rae, Park Chang-sun, Kim Pyung-suk, Park Kung-hoon, Huh Jung-moo.

The early years of the current decade were the bleakest yet for the South Koreans. In the Asian Cup, Asian Games and World Cup qualifiers, the Arab nations remained the stumbling block: Kuwait eliminated them from the 1982 World Cup and beat them into second place in the 1980 Asian Cup.

These mediocre performances, coupled with the rising popularity of baseball, prompted the KFA, in 1983, to form a professional soccer league. The new competition was called the "Superleague" and featured five professional clubs. Before the advent of the Superleague, there was no true South Korean club championship.

Initially, the KFA did not take advantage of the Superleague and the national team remained strictly amateur. However, poor results forced the association to reconsider and, in late 1984, a professional squad was assembled to contest the 1986 World Cup qualifying tournament.

Under the guidance of Hallelujah manager Ham Hung-chol, the new team's first test was the 1984 Asian Cup. Having breezed through the preliminary group, the professionals, now managed by Mung Chong-shik, were very ordinary in the Singapore-based finals and failed to reach the last four.

The professionals performed no better in the first of their World Cup qualifiers against Nepal the following year, and when they lost their second match to Malaysia, qualification for the finals seemed a long way off.

Manager Mung Chong-shik shouldered the blame for the defeat and resigned shortly after. Daewoo Royals manager Chang Yun-shu was expected to be named as Mung's successor, but the KFA appointed former manager Kim Jung-nam. Interestingly, Chang's Daewoo Royals had defeated Kim's Yukong Elephants in the 1984 Superleague final.

Kim's first priority was to win the remaining World Cup matches against Nepal and Malaysia. He recalled to the squad veteran defender Cho Young-jeung and the experienced Daewoo defensive midfield unit of Cho Kwang-rae and Park Chang-sun.

Park was given the responsibility of captain and his leadership and organisation transformed the team. Nepal and Malaysia were beaten 4-0 and 2-0 respectively and the Koreans finished top of Group 3A to enter the play-off against Group 3B winners Indonesia.

The President's Cup allowed the professionals solid preparation before the Indonesia games, and the competition was to prove an eye-opener for Kim Jung-nam. South Korea fielded two teams in the cup; the World Cup squad and the amateur Olympic side, and both qualified for the final without loss. Only a Byun Byung-joo goal saved the professionals from the embarrassment of being beaten by their "reserve" team.

Kim Joo-sung and Cho Min-kook, the outstanding performers for the Olympic team, were included in the first team for the series against Indonesia. Kim Joo-sung scored in both matches as the Koreans won 2-0 at home and 4-1 away to qualify to meet Japan for the right to go to Mexico.

Impressed by the skill and enthusiasm of the younger players, Kim added three more members of the Olympic team for the Japan games: Kim Jong-boo, Kim Sam-soo and No Soo-jin. Kim Jong-boo played in both games and the Koreans defeated the Japanese 2-1 in Tokyo and 1-0 in Seoul to realise a 32-year-old dream.

December's tour of Mexico seem to add weight to Kim's claims. Korea's two narrow 1-2 losses to Mexico were followed by a 1-0 defeat by Hungary and a 2-0 victory over Algeria (admittedly without their foreign based professionals).

"We are still a developing side," said Kim. "But I am sure we can make a decent showing in Mexico. We hope we will not embarrass ourselves and I think we may have a few shocks in store."

THE MANAGER

KIM JUNG-NAM, aged 43, is also manager of the professional Yukong Elephants club.

He was previously manager of the national team from 1980 to 1982 and regained the post when Mung Chong-shik resigned following South Korea's loss to Malaysia in March 1985. His appointment was somewhat of a surprise as the job was expected to go to Chang Yung-shu; the manager of 1984 Superleague champions Daewoo Royals.

Since taking control, Kim has steadily introduced players of the Olympic team into the senior squad. Previously, the World Cup squad was made up entirely of professionals from the Superleague clubs. These younger players have transformed South Korea from the side that looked so ordinary in the 1984 Asian Cup finals into World Cup finalists. A quiet man, well-known for his emphasis on tactical preparations and his good understanding with players, Kim is a former South Korean international defender.

THE PLAYERS

CHO BYUNG-DUK. Goalkeeper. Hallelujah Eagles. Aged 28/11. Made his debut in play-off game against Japan in place of injured Choi In-young. His performances in those games quickly made him first choice for the position. Was outstanding in last December's matches against Hungary and Mexico. Slightly-built but brave.

OH YUN-KYO. Goalkeeper. Yukong Elephants. 26/21. An agile keeper, he was added to the squad after winning the "Best Goalkeeper" award for the 1984 Superleague season.

CHOI IN-YOUNG. Goalkeeper. Hyundai Tigers. 25/10. First choice keeper until injured in September 1985.

CHO YOUNG-JEUNG. Defender. Lucky-Goldstar Bulls. 31/8. Added to the squad in the shake-up that followed the 1-0 loss to Malaysia. Spent some time in the North American Soccer League with Chicago Sting.

CHUNG JONG-SOO. Full back. Yukong Elephants. 25/4. A solid utility defender, his international appearances have been limited by the good form of Kim Pyung-suk and Park Kyung-hoon. Played in the 2-1 defeat by Mexico in Guadalajara.

JUNG YONG-HWAN. Centre back. Daewoo Royals. 26/5. An experienced defender that loves to go forward, he scored the all important goal in the first play-off game against Japan. A member of the national team since 1983, he was named in the 1984 Superleague's "All-Star XI". Has lost ground since Mexico trip last December.

KIM PYUNG-SUK. Full back and stopper. Hyundai Tigers. 27/12. A taller-than-average, uncompromising defender. One of the few South Koreans to shine during the 1984 Asian Cup finals.

YOO BYUNG-OK. Sweeper. Han Yang University. 22/15. A member of the Olympic team that just missed qualifying for the Los Angeles finals, Yoo made his senior debut in the 1984 Asian Cup finals

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IRAQ

Celebrating with a bang!

by Walid Tabra, Robert Alexander and Jon Marks

Soccer is the king of sports in Iraq. Every pavement is a miniature football pitch where children kick the ball.

Last March, in the southern port of Basra, 15 miles from the battlefront in the war with Iran, youngsters resumed their game less than an hour after artillery shelled their neighbourhood.

Little wonder Iraqis celebrated their team's World Cup qualification with a bang — literally. Jubilant fans poured onto the streets of Baghdad and thousands of bullets were fired ... in celebration.

Banned by FIFA from playing in Baghdad because of the Gulf war, Iraq survived an arduous qualifying programme against Jordan, Qatar, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Syria even though they had to play every tie abroad. And that included the decisive 3-1 victory over Syria which earned the ticket to Mexico.

Now they face their ultimate test in the World Cup finals against hosts Mexico, Belgium and Paraguay in group B — a test they could pass with surprising ease in the opinion of some well-known observers of Asian soccer.

Former Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw, now in charge of Bahrain, believes Iraq are comfortably the best team in the Gulf — a claim backed by their finish in top position in *World Soccer's* table based on Asian international results during 1985 — and well capable of holding their own in Mexico.

He said: "They are the best team and they have been together for a long time, although they have some quite young players. The average age is 24 or 25. Their goalkeeper Raad Hammoudi is over 30 — but he is the star player in the team and it is a strong side."

Iraq have shown their recent good form and strength with a victory over the Algerians in the final of the Arab Games in Morocco and an equally-impressive 6-2 win against a Canadian National XI.

"With Brazilian coaches in charge, they could do well in Mexico," said Burkinshaw. "Nothing fantastic, but nothing to be ashamed of."

By the time they arrive in Mexico, they will be as battle-hardened and well-prepared as any other of the 24 teams. As Algerian coach Mohamed Maouche put it: "They have a near-military discipline, a clear-cut attacking game and are not afraid to shoot in front of goal ... They can do well."

If they can keep their campaign spirit from the qualifying programme intact and continue to find the net, Iraq's green-and-whites could surprise a few fans, reach the second round, and pick up the biggest bonuses on offer. President Hussein has already handed over a house and car to each team member ... just for qualifying.

Among their warm-up opposition was a reinforced Denmark Olympic team. Iraq failed to impress in the first match which the Danes won even more comfortably than the 2-0 score-line suggests. But a different Iraq came out to win by the same margin only days later.

Conclusion

"They are good in general, but they will have to work harder to win against the top teams in the World Cup," was Danish boss Sepp Piontek's conclusion. Iraq — who already have a reputation for fitness among Arab teams — need more stamina and power he thought — and they were also weak creating scoring chances, although Piontek singled out striker Hussein Saeed for praise.

Hussein Saeed, Ahmed Radi, Adnane Derjale and Raad Hammoudi will be unfamiliar names to most Europeans and Latin Americans, but they are well-known in Arab-Asian football. Titles stacked on the Baghdad trophy shelves include gold from the ninth Aisian Games, held in New Delhi in 1982. Iraq beat Asia's World Cup representative Kuwait in the final thanks to a solo effort from Hussein Saeed.

Two years later came Olympic qualification, grabbing Asia's third place at Los Angeles from South Korea. But the Iraqis disappointed their fans in the tournament proper — which proved surprisingly to be an even greater crowd puller than the Olympics athletics events. After an opening draw with Canada, Iraq lost 1-0 to Cameroon. But just when all seemed lost two first half goals by Hussein Said and Ali Hussein could have been enough to tear up the form book against the group's premier team. Yugoslavia.

A place in the quarter finals was not to be however. The Iraq defence collapsed after half time and the Yugoslavs scored four.

Coach Ammu Baba — one of the greats among past Iraqi players — was sacked and the game shaken up. Coaches came and went — Akram Ahmed Salamon and Watheq Naji, whose first game was against the UAE on the way to Mexico — as Iraq moved towards their first World Cup.

President Saadam Hussein's oldest son Udai took over the administration and a Brazilian coaching team was brought in successfully headed by Jorge Vieria.

Club soccer is low on a list of priorities compared with the national team is very much number one. Leading stars were drafted into a second division club Al Rashid in 1984. Newly promoted they were leading the club championship when competition was suspended that year.

A full season in 1985 gave Al Rashid the championship and the newcomers went on to become Arab Club champions. The 1986 season was cancelled in February to give players time to prepare for Mexico.

Organised football took off when the Iraqi FA was founded in 1948. Two years later it affiliated to FIFA, but Iraq did not compete regularly at an international level until the 1960s.

The Iraqis' first World Cup was 1974, then they did not compete in 1978, in protest at Israel's participation, and lost out to Saudi Arabia in 1982. Kuwait were Asian representatives — powerful local rivals which Iraq overcame to win that first Asian title.

Iraq had arrived in Arab terms. Now they have arrived on the world stage.

THE MANAGER

EDU (Eduardo Antures Coimloa). Brazilian. Aged 39. May not make it to the World Cup!

A four-man coaching staff was brought in from Brazil before Iraq took on Syria. The "managing director" was Jorge Silva de Vieira, 53, formerly a coach with Corinthians, Botafogo, Palmiras and Al Ahli of Jeddah. Vieira had seen Iraq in impressive form in Riyadh, but above all the money — a reported $25,000 a month for each coach in Vieira's team of Lancetta, Wartanus and Edu — was a great attraction. In three months Vieira steered Iraq past Syria. But when he returned to Baghdad after a holiday at new year he found all his preparation plans had been changed, he was out and Edu was now the boss — although Edu's position is now in jeopardy.

Edu, elder brother of Brazilian ace Zico, was born in Rio in 1947, played most of his career as an attacker with Rio's America Club, scoring 348 goals before joining Flamengo in 1974. He made another move to Vasco da Gama before ending his playing days with Bahia in 1981. Edu played ten matches for Brazil, making his debut in a goalless draw against Uruguay in Montivideo in 1967. His managerial career started in 1982 with America and he then won the Rio league with Vasco da Gama in 1983. In 1984, Edu was appointed manager of Brazil but lasted only three matches — a shock 2-0 home defeat by England, a 1-0 win over Uruguay and a goalless draw against Argentine.

After a matter of days in charge at Flamengo he followed Vieira to Iraq, where he also took over Rasheed Club and led them to the Arab Champions' Cup last December.

IRAQ Back row: Natiq Shakir, Ahmadradi, Basil Gewargis, Hussein Saied, Adnan Derjal, Raad Hammoudi. Front: Khali Mohammed Alawi, Abdul Kadhum Muthashar, Ali Hussain Shehad, Graham Eraibi, Haris Mohammed.

THE PLAYERS

RAAD HAMMOUDI, Goalkeeper. Aged 32/99 caps. Police Club. An outstanding goalkeeper by any standards, Hammoudi was a member of the Iraq team which won the Arab Student Games in Cairo in 1975 and he has since gone to establish himself as the best goalkeeper in the Asian world. He has been the first-choice goalkeeper for Iraq since the Gulf Cup win in Qatar in 1976 and last August he was voted the best goalkeeper in Arab soccer during the Pan-Arab games. His excellence was one of the main reasons for Iraq's success against Syria in their Asian group play-offs during which he was beaten only once during 180 minutes play — and that from a penalty. Hammoudi has found time to also develop a remarkable business acumen during his career and he has bought an industrial factory in Iraq and earned the nickname of "the businessman" in the team's dressing room. Sent abroad for treatment after injury this year.

FATAH NUSAIF. Goalkeeper. Army Al-Djeish. 35/24. The oldest player in the list for Mexico. Started his career in 1969 but did not get a call for the national team until 1976 against Algeria. Nusaif, a teacher of Arabic did not reappear until 1980. His bravery helped Army Club win the President Saddam Hussein cup in 1983 and the league one year later. Iraq's keeper for 1984 Merlion Cup win in Singapore.

AHMED JASSIM. Goalkeeper. Rasheed. 26/1. Joined Rasheed from Zawra in 1985. Made his debut in Iraq's 1-1 draw against Bahrain in the Arab Cup in Taif, Saudi Arabia, in July 1985.

ADNAN DIRJAL. Sweeper. Rasheed. 27/36. Pillar of the defence made his first appearance for Iraq in the 2-1 win over Qater in the 1978 Asian Games in Bangkok. His attacking style has earned many spectacular goals. Started his league career with Zawra in 1977 with whom he won the league two years later. In the early 1980s, he moved to Students Club playing a key role in their championship wins of 1981 and 1982. Last season he moved to Rasheed. Scored a brilliant goal when Iraq beat South Korea on their way to the 1984 Olympics. He intercepted a ball on the half-way line, dribbled past three defenders and shot home from more than 30 yards out. Former national captain injured in a clash earlier this year with Chelsea's David Speedie.

SAMEER SHAKER. Sweeper or Left Back. Rasheed. 28/20. Fierce tackler. Won his first cap in Iraq's 7-1 victory over Jordan in Baghdad in 1982. Started with Army Club in 1976 before leading Saladdin to their first league title in 1983.

MAAD IBRAHIM. Centre-Back. Rasheed. 22/2. The only surprise in the list for Mexico after starring on his Iraq debut in the 2-0 defeat of a Danish XI. Started with Tijjara, played only five matches for Air Force and moved on to Rasheed at halfway through last season.

KHALIL ALAWI. Defender or Rightside of Midfield. Rasheed. 28/55. Elder brother of midfielder Karim Alawi. Debut in Iraq's 1-0 defeat by Kuwait in 1982. Noted for his ability to score from long range. Alawi is the specialist taker of free kicks and remembered for two vital goals against Syria in the Pan Arab Games and the last World Cup qualifiers.

GHANIM URAIBI (Aribi). Full-Back. Shabab. 25/13. Debut for Iraq in the 1-1 draw against Bahrain in Arab Cup in Saudi Arabia last July. Likes to play the ball out of defence with skill rather than strength.

KADHUM MUTASHAR. Centre-Back. Rasheed. 26/30. Former Students central defender replaced injured Nadhum Shaker during the 1984 Arab Gulf Cup. First cap against East Germany in a 1-1 draw in Baghdad in 1984.

BASIM QASIM. Defender. Police. 22/10. First cap in 1-1 draw against Bahrain in the 1985 Arab Cup in Taif, Saudi Arabia. Key role in Iraq's winning of the 1985 Pan Arab Games title in Morocco last August.

JAMAL ALI. Midfielder or Defender. Students (Al-Talabih). 30/17. Debut in Iraq's 4-1 defeat by Poland in Warsaw in 1980. Joined Students in 1974 where he won two league medals in 1981 and 1982. Youngest-ever Iraqi captain when he led them to second place in 1977 Merdeka cup in Malaysia. Recalled to the squad two years ago.

NATIK HASHIM. Midfielder. Rasheed. 26/63. Debut in Iraq's 2-0 win over Jordan in 1981. Joined Rasheed last season from Army Club where he won the championship in 1984. Vieira rated Natik Hashim for his ability to score goals from midfield. One such was the third World Cup goal against VAE in Dubai.

ALI HUSSEIN. Midfielder. 25/51. Students. Debut in Iraq's 4-0 win over Guinea in Baghdad in 1981 where he scored his first goal at international level. Known as "Flying Midfielder" and really is useful in the air. Ali Hussein. Held his position for five years until he was injured in a friendly against Egypt in 1984. One of a family of 15.

KARIM M. ALAWI. Midfielder. Rasheed. 27/40. First appearance in the 1-0 win over Poland in Baghdad in 1980. Famed for his acrobatic World Cup goal against Qatar last May. Has had injury problems.

SHAKER MAHMOUD. Midfield or Left Back. Rasheed. 22/15. Promising star who contributed to Iraq's victory in the 1983 Palestine Youth Cup in Morocco. Debut for Iraq in the 4-0 win over Saudi Arabia in Gulf Cup in Oman in 1984. Member of the team that won the Pan Arab Games last August, Mahmoud scored the second of Iraq's three goals against Syria in the final World Cup qualifier.

HARIS MOHAMED. Midfielder. Rasheed 28/26. Debut in Iraq's 1-0 win over Finland in 1979. Top scorer of 1978 Asian Youth championship in Bangladesh Mohamed was first selected for the national team by manager Ammu Baba after a friendly in 1978 when he scored the winner against them (!) for the youth team. Inspired Iraq to their 2-1 victory over Qatar in the Gulf Cup in 1982. He scored both goals, the second a spectacular spike from 25 yards. Formerly played for Students.

BASIL GORGIS. Midfield or Centre Back. Shabab. 25/25. First cap in the 1-1 draw against East Germany in Baghdad in 1982. Last season he switched to Central defence for his club. Another of last year's Pan Arab Games winners when he scored a decisive early goal against Husis Morocco.

AHMED RADHI. Striker. Rasheed. 22/29. Debut in the 7-1 win over Jordan in Baghdad in 1982. Started in 1981 with Zawra before joining Rasheed last season. Former national manager, Ammu Baba, caused a sensation when he selected Radhi for the national team in 1982 despite his being only 16. His eight goals — including two hat-tricks — took Iraq to victory in the Palestine Youth Soccer Cup in Morocco in 1983. Nicknamed 'Disco Ahmed'!

WAMEEDH MUNEER. Winger. Students 25/20. Helped win Palestine Youth Cup in 1983 and made senior debut in the 3-2 defeat by Jordan in 1984. Played in the 1984 Olympic qualifiers in Singapore where he scored the fastest goal — firing Iraq ahead against Japan within fifteen seconds with a diving header. Missed Iraq's two World Cup ties with Syria because of back trouble.

ENAD ABED. Striker. Rasheed. 34/9. Joined Rasheed last season after winning the league medal with Saladdin in 1983. First appearance for Iraq in the 1-1 draw against Bahrain last July in the Arab Cup, in which he was top scorer. Sank Saudi Arabia in the semi-final by scoring two goals in ten minutes.

KARIM SADDAM. Striker. Rasheed. 27/6. Former Army striker won his first cap in the 1-1 draw against East Germany in Baghdad in 1984. It was his injury time goal against the United Arab Emirates last September which took Iraq, who had been 2-0 behind, into the final round of the World Cup qualifiers.

HUSSEIN SAEED. Striker. Students. 28/106. Born Dec 21, 1958 Iraq's answer to Platini, Maradona and Zilo. Iraq debut against Saudi Arabia in a goalless draw in Riyadh in 1977 when he scored a "goal" which was disallowed. Twice top scorer of the Asian Youth championship — in 1976 and 1977 — four times tip scorer of the Iraqi first division and twice Gulf Cup top scorer — in 1979 and 1984. Top scorer in 1979 world military championship. Saeed joined Students in 1975 inspiring them to league championship wins in 1981 and 1982. The bigger the occasion, the better he plays. Starred in Iraq's winning 1979 Gulf Cup win, scoring ten out of Iraq's 23 goals.

Missed early matches in the World Cup qualification round through injury, but returned to score two goals against UAE and one that sunk Syria in Taif. Has continued his studies to earn a master's degree in agricultural engineering.

World Soccer Analysis

Highs and lows for Algeria

by JON MARKS

ALGERIA are back in the World Cup, four years after the side coached by Mahieddine Khalef, captained by Ali Fergani and starring Belloumi, Madjer, Assad and the rest was hustled out of qualifying for round two, when West Germany and Austria seemed to conjure a 1-0 German win in the last match of Group Two.

For one day in Gijon that team showed all the best points of Algerian play: passion, drive, individual flair and good understanding. Goals from Belloumi and Madjer gave Khalef's team a 2-1 win over West Germany and Algiers — glued to its televisions — exploded with joy.

But Algerian football can frustrate as well as elate. That triumph was followed by a 2-0 defeat to Austria. But qualification looked good when goals from Bensaoula and Assad gave Algeria a 3-0 first half lead over Chile. The South Americans powered back in the second half scoring two. Algeria won 3-2, but too many goals had been conceded — the Germans were able to engineer their escape.

Algeria has seen its footballing highs and lows in the four years since Spain. Khalef departed as coach, only to be reappointed and then leave (to rejoin his club, this season's runaway champions JET). Rabah Saadane was appointed coach in late 1984.

Problems

A career football administrator, Saadane has steered Algeria to Mexico — not without several problems, especially obtaining key players who have moved to Europe. Since the 7-1 aggregate demolition of Tunisia to reach the finals, Algeria have disappointed, losing to Mexico, Hungary and South Korea during an acclimatisation tour of Mexico in December, then putting a string of mediocre results together leading up to the African Nations Cup, held in March.

Saadane is in the hot seat — and Khalef's name has even been mentioned again. A lack of confidence in Algeria's new wave of stars like defenders Abdelhamid Sadmi and the very impressive Fodil Megharia, and younger forwards Fawzi Benkhalidi, Mourad Belhadj and 18-year-old Hakim Medane (who came on as a substitute in the Nations Cup) has led him to bring veterans of '82 like central defender Chaabane Merzekane and the timeless Fergani back into his squad.

Following a public row with Mahmoud Guendouz earlier this year, the continuing injury problems of Lakhdar Belloumi and the need to stabilise the midfield, Fergani's revived international career could well extend from playing with the Nations Cup team in Egypt to appearing in Mexico as captain.

Algeria's World Cup campaign started on a very low key with a goalless draw against Angola in Luanda. As one of Africa's two World Cup representatives in Spain, Algeria was entitled to enter the qualifying tournament in round two. A surprisingly confident performance by the Angolans in Algiers nearly saw the North Africans exit at that stage. Eventually Madjer's experience helped them to a 3-2 victory.

That team was still feeling its way following the injury to Lakhdar Belloumi, sustained during a violent clash with Libyan champions Ittihad in Benghazi. Belloumi was back by the time Algeria played its last qualifying match, against Tunisia. In between, a team using players almost exclusively from local league clubs had qualified for the African Nations Cup finals.

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And in the World Cup, Saadane had brought back eight pros to overwhelm a very good Zambian team (which had already eliminated Cameroon). Bensaoula and Madjer gave Algeria a 2-0 home victory and the Algerians won by a single goal in Lusaka.

The only home-based players in that side were goalkeeper Nasseredine Drid, midfield dynamo Mohammed Kaci-Said and the lethal centre-forward Djamal Menad.

In the Nations Cup these players, along with rising local stars like Megharia and Benkhalidi, proved Algeria's strength in depth winning 1-0 in Nairobi — a test of altitude in Kenya (at 2,000 feet), which looked promising for Mexico.

THE MANAGER

RABAH SAADANE, 41, is a former player with MSP Batna, MOC, JSEB and USMB.

His playing career included an international match in the Soviet Union. From 1970-75 he studied sport and took technical qualifications. In 1976 he became trainer of the small DTR Algiers club and the national colts team. A year later he took over JSD and the junior "B" team. His links with the full national team started in 1978-79 when he took Algeria to Tokyo. As coaches came and went, he was national coach from July 1981 to February 1982, and then Khalef's deputy for six months, during which time Algeria travelled to Libya for the African Nations Cup and then to Spain.

In June 1982 he took over the national *Espoirs* team, leaving in February 1983 to coach the small Tablat club. Tablat's fortunes rose and so did Saadane's — who was still doing courses in advanced sports studies. In December 1984 he was called back to coach the national team.

THE PLAYERS

NASSER EDDINE DRID. Goalkeeper. ESM Bel Abbes. Aged 29/22 caps. Moved from Eastern Algeria to develop with the western club. A capable replacement for the 1982 World Cup 'keeper Cerbah, Drid still has problems marshalling the defence, but improving all the time.

MEHDI CERBAH. Goalkeeper. RS Kouba. 33/18. Short, but agile Cerbah has had his problems since Spain, moving to Canada for an unhappy spell and then back to RSK, where he has re-established himself. His experience may yet be invaluable in Mexico.

LARBI EL-HADI. Goalkeeper. Widad Ofla Boufarik (WOB). Aged 25. The third choice, moved from one of Algeria's greatest — but declining — clubs MAHD, to unfashionable WOB, which has been surprisingly successful over the past two seasons. El-Hadi was third choice in the African Nations Cup squad. If Saadane decides to surprise everyone and chose an expatriot goalkeeper then *Henri Stambouli*, born in Oran 25 years ago would be his choice. Not always impressive as an understudy at AS Monaco, Stambouli is certainly more powerful than most Algerian 'keepers.

NOUREDDINE KOURICHO. Defender. Lille. 32/34. Weighing in at 80kg and 1.86 metres tall, Kourichi has the physical presence to back up his reputation as a powerful, hard tackling back. A professional with Lille since 1982, he previously played with Bordeaux and Valenciennes. European experience made him a real asset in Spain four years ago and Saadane will probably stick with him despite the emerging new wave of home-bred talent. Kourichi has a reputation for temperamental outbursts, but also uses his head to effect in defence and against the opposing goal.

FAWZI MANSOURI. Defender. 30/43. Another fixture in defence from the 1982 World Cup, Mansouri played in France with Mulhouse, but moved to Montpellier last season, along with midfield star Karim Maroc. Mansouri seemed unable to find his international form and both Algerians fell out with the club. In February the FAF bought back their contracts and both have been international regulars since.

ABDALLAH LIÉGON. Defender. AS Monaco. 28/18. Probably more successful in France than Kourichi and much happier than Mansouri, Liégon was brought into the national team against Zambia in the World Cup but did not impress. Saadane may overlook his reputation for indiscipline if a utility defender is needed for the substitutes bench. Liégon, whose family name is Medjadi, is a back who can play anywhere in defence or midfield.

MOHAMMED CHAIB. Defender. RS Kouba. 25/20. Has never fully established himself as a full international, but a regular in squads. Saadane has used him as defensive substitute.

ABDELHAMID SADMI. Defender. Jeunesse Electronique Tizi-Ouzou (JET). 23/28. A powerful stopper and full-back, Sadmi has developed under Khalef's watchful eye at JET into a top quality back. Replaced Merzekane when World Cup veteran lost form and has been a fixture since.

CHAABANE MERZEKANE. Defender. JHD. 27/38. Tall central defender whose best playing days with MAHD paired him with international partner Guendouz. Now with unfashionable Algiers club JHD, came back into reckoning when Saadane reassessed veterans for Nations Cup Challenging for Sadmi's place, but likely to lose battle.

ALGERIA: Back row (left to right): Malmoud Guendouz, Salah Assad, Mohammed Kaci-Said, Fawzi Mansouri, Nacer Drid. Front row: Hami Sadmi, Djamel Menad, Rabah Madjer, Lakhdar Belloumi, Karim Maroc, Fodil Megharia.

MAHMOUD GUENDOUZ. Defender. IR El Biar. 33/43. Few players have enjoyed such mixed fortunes as Guendouz since Spain. The veteran centre-back moved from MAHD to WOB and then abroad for a spell with Martigues. Left pro ranks for Algeria last year, but had problems finding club. Eventually settled for second division IREB. Appointed national captain after Belloumi's injury, Guendouz refused to visit Mexico last December, saying he had retired from international football. Criticised Saadane and his style of management, but brought back into the fold as Algeria needed experience. In squad for Nations Cup and Mexico where 10 years-plus of international experience may prove invaluable.

FODIL MEGHARIA. Defender. Chlef SO. 25/18. Younger generation centre-back emerging as most influential defender of the new wave. Mexico will be by far the most serious test to date, although coped well with Bouderbala and others in Cairo. Fast on the ball and confident tackling and passing, has worked well with Sadmi this season. Debut for Chlef at age 18, junior international in 1980, capped in 5-2 defeat by East Germany at the end of 1984.

ALI FERGANI. Midfield. JET. 33/56. World Cup captain in 1982, out of international picture until Nations Cup build-up when club success, popular pressure and leadership ability brought him into Saadane's calculations and all three ties. A midfield libero, Fergani is capable in attack, but best motivating and lining with those around-qualities evident as captain of JET, runaway champions of '85-'86. May yet lead Algeria in Mexico if evergreen skills and stamina hold out through long season.

HAKIM BENMARKBROUK. Midfield. Racing Club de Paris. Aged 25. Immigrant Algerian whose reputation in France has attracted attention in Algiers. Was pre-selected for Nations Cup, but problems of availability. A goalmaker who could make it to Mexico if established internationals fail to impress in the build-up.

MOHAMMED KACI-SAID. Midfield. RSK. 28/43. A stocky, bustling midfield dynamo. Fast and powerful, he provides the essential link powering Algeria forward down the middle. Played in 1981 qualifying rounds but did not make Spain. Came back in March 1984 for Nations Cup in Abidjan. A fixture since. One of three local players (with Drid and Menad) assured of a place even if the team is packed with expatriot pros.

KARIM MAROC. Midfield. Montpellier. 28/39. Expatriot who became disenchanted with France. Like Mansouri, Maroc has had contract bought back by the FAF. His attacking skills have been re-integrated into national team, but despite his obvious gifts still doubts how consistent he can be. Long experience in French league, at Brest from 1982-85 and Tours before that.

DJAMEL TLEMCENI. Midfield. 31/45. Formerly Toulon and Rouen. Not included in Saadane's Nations Cup squad, but made himself available. Other World Cup veterans who could yet come into the reckoning are *Mustapha Dahleb* and *Djamel Zidane*.

NACER BOUICHE. Forward/attacking midfield. MP Algiers. 26/27. Established himself as international after last World Cup, but fortunes declined like those of his club. MPA now on the way back and so is an in-form Bouche. Played against Morocco in March and could find place as Belloumi replacement if the great man still unfit.

FAWZI BENKHALIDI. Forward. WOB. 23/8. Bright youngster who has forced his way into national team. Came on as substitute after 12 minutes against Kenya in Nations Cup qualifier in Algiers last year. Scored his first four minutes later in a 3-0 victory. May well appear as sub if Saadane wants inspired young blood in Mexico. One to watch.

LAKHDAR BELLOUMI. Forward. GCR Mascara. 27/57. Star in Spain, often compared to Platini or Maradona, although this may overstate the case. The big question remains — will Belloumi play? A cynical foul put Belloumi out of action for months after a violent African Club Champions tie against Libya's Ittihad in Benghazi. Belloumi fought his way back, playing in the World Cup humiliation of Tunisia. But accident on dilapidated pitch at Algiers 20 Août stadium put him out again. Ironic as a mature Belloumi was playing some of his best football before the injury. A newfound leadership as well as inspirational play has been sorely missed in internationals. Will be in Mexico squad if only to boost morale. A genuine product of Mascara, came through ranks of the Gallia club, junior 1973, senior 1975, 1978, first cap against Malawi in Blantyre. Goal in Gijon deflated West German egos and still commemorated on Algerian television — testimony to Belloumi's status as national hero. Chose to stay in Mascara rather than go abroad and small cub repaid loyalty by winning 1984 championship (leading to that fateful Champions Cup injury). But recent failures saw the Mahi-Amara managerial duo leave GCRM, followed by club president Berrahal. Belloumi lined up to join MPO as GCRM faces relegation. Belloumi suffered injury in 1981, but came back to play in Spain. Broken right ankle is more serious, but may yet play. Like Morocco's Timmoumi, his presence will be badly missed if injury keeps him out.

RABAH MADJER. Forward. FC Porto. 27/45. Top-class striker, one-time winger now all-purpose forward. Essential element in Algerian teams since Spain, in superb form since moving to Portugal from a stale Racing Club de Paris. Versatility underlined by emergence was winger for MAHD in 1977-78 after Jean Snella and Mohammed Soukhane converted him from (a very short) centre-half who had already played two cup finals. Algeria's senior professional. Madjer's career had been as reputable as his sister Naima — a well-known announcer on Algerian TV — until an outburst (described as "unbelievably racist") against African football at the Nations Cup in March which could lead to severe disciplinary action and (if true) tarnish a distinguished record. An in-form Madjer is essential to Algerian plans in Mexico.

TEDJ BENSAOULA. Forward. Le Havre. 32/29. Tall, fast, effective forward, developed with MPO. Came on as substitute for Zidane against West Germany in Spain, stayed in team, scoring against Chile. Joined Le Havre in 1983. Took time to settle in but now part of attractive North African striking formation with Morocco's Krimau. Skill and experience much needed up front although two mediocre performances in Cairo put him under pressure from younger players of the next generation like *Hakim Medane*.

DJAMEL MENAD. Centre-forward. JET. 25/48. *The* striker in Algerian football, Menad scored five goals in qualifying matches — three more than anyone else. Pre-selected for Spain, Menad did not make the trip. Now indispensible, runner-up to Timmoumi as African Footballer of the Year — and worth even more according to many Algerians. An accomplished goalscorer, his lack of goals disappointed in Cairo, but more than a marksman. Menad is an all-round talent creating chances — which have allowed teammate Nasser Bouiche to score nearly 30 goals for JET this season. Menad's powerful frame and goalmouth presence should trouble all defences if he can reproduce his recent form in Mexico.

MOURAD BELHADJ. Forward. MPO. 24/10. Capable of creating attacks from midfield and dangerous in front of goal, Belhadj has matured since his move from Oran's second club ASCO. He impressed in MPO's recent Cup runs, but has yet to become a major international force.

HOCINE YAHI. Winger. CSO. 26/26. Fast and impressive, Madjer's natural replacement on the wing moved from CM Belcourt (which shares Algiers' 20 Aout stadium with the Porto forward's old MAHD club) to Chlef (formerly El Asnam, victim of the devastating 1980 earthquake). A regular international since 1984, Yahi gives Algeria width, but needs to recapture top form.

NASSER BOUICHE. Winger. JET. 23/13. Algeria's newest winger scores prodigously for JET and performs well for his country, sometimes in tandem with Yahi. Was included in the 1984 Nations Cup squad but did not play. Played in Cairo, when Assad was not available.

SALAH ASSAD. Winger. FC Mulhouse. 28/48. Along with Madjer gave Algeria width in 1982 and scored two goals against Chile. Has worked well with Madjer more recently but could not play in Cairo, despite the Mulhouse club's excellent relationship with the FAF, because of the Alsacians promotion campaign. After three years in France, Assad is a mature attacking force and probably Algeria's first choice winger in Mexico.

The BRIAN GLANVILLE column

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WHAT the situation will be at Spurs and Arsenal by the time you read this, who can say? Don Howe has gone; Peter Shreeve has been under fierce pressure at Tottenham. Terry Venables' name has been firmly associated with Arsenal's, but Tottenham would plainly have been glad to get him, too.

Howe's regime ended unhappily. What surprised me was that he should initially be appointed by the club. He and Terry Neill, who was sacked, worked so closely together that you could hardly say it was one of those situations where the manager called the tune and the coach simply danced to it. Howe's importance in the club was manifest, and if the directors were dissatisfied with Neill — rightly or wrongly — one would have expected them to set off on a different tack entirely.

My own view is that it will be splendid and rather fortunate to have Terry Venables back in English football again. Fortunate, and surprising, because no one here could ever offer him the mad kind of money he could earn on the continent, the kind of £300,000 a year tax free salaries which the big Italian clubs, and others in Europe, pay.

It was plain to me when I spoke to Venables in Barcelona last October that, consciously or otherwise, he was on his way home. His achievements with Barcelona have been quite astonishing; winning the League 11 years after the club had taken its last title, taking it past Juventus, the holders, on its fine Cup run.

I watched the second-leg of the quarter-finals in Turin, only three days after seeing Roma thrash Juventus 3-0 in the Olympic Stadium, admired Barcelona's persistence, commitment and opportunism, but agreed with the French critics who thought them fortunate to survive.

Had poor Pacione, Juve's reserve centre-forward, not been hamstrung by nerves that night, he must have scored two or three goals, to put Barcelona out of their misery, in the first half hour. Then came Steve Archibald's brave but freakish goal; and the pendulum swung.

Archibald told me afterwards that the goal could scarcely have come out of the blue for Barcelona, because they practised such crosses to the far post in training, every day. Fair enough; as was Terry Venables's elogium: "I thought he did terrific."

But still and all, Tacconi should have had the cross; or covered the remarkable header. Perhaps, added Archibald, Tacconi was afraid he would head the ball back across the middle, and moved out accordingly; that was *his* luck.

But I am reluctant to take that dramatic but scarcely distinguished game in isolation. Take it together with the Roma 3 Juventus 0 match, and you have the beginnings of a theme; an indication of what is happening in European football.

If the night in Turin was graced by an enormous black and white banner unfurled the whole depth of the terracing behind a goal, the Olympic Stadium went further still in terms of colour and pageantry.

SINCERE apologies to Bill Nicholson for a crass mistake in my last column but one. I wrote that it was he who deprived Danny Blanchflower of the Tottenham Hotspur captaincy after he had moved his big centre-half Maurice Norman into attack, in the semi-final match lost to Manchester City. Bill points out that this was in 1956, when Jimmy Anderson was manager. He himself did not take over until 1958. *Peccavi.*

As the teams came on to the field, *stricioni*, giant ribbons of alternating yellow and red, were let down all the way around the huge stadium in a perfectly synchronised display of colour. The colours, of course, of Roma, who then proceeded to take the supposedly compact Juventus defence to bits. There was Scirea, most experienced of sweepers, there were big Brio at centre-half and Antonio Cabrini at left-back; torn apart by a Roma team playing at the kind of sustained pace once unimaginable in Italian football.

True the opening early goal with which they forced Juventus to come out of their defensive wall was a rather elementary one; a right wing corner which the rejuvenated Francesco Graziani headed in at the near post. From this point the Juventus defence, statistically the best in the League, simply disintegrated. Roma in that first half could have had five rather than two; every ball seemed to turn into a devastating through pass, sweeper or no sweeper. At the Roma end, give poor young Pacione his due. The former Atalanta centre-forward who joined Juve last summer and had hardly had a chance all season in the first team got in a couple of splendid shots, one of which was seen off the line, the other brilliantly saved by Franco Tancredi.

The point was that Sven-Goran Eriksson, Roma's bold young Swedish manager, was being abundantly rewarded for his labours, his ambitions, his dogged courage in the face of appalling treatment. The last time I had been in Rome, some four months earlier, he had been under appalling pressure. Roma had just lost to Inter at San Siro, and Gianni Melidoni, sports editor of the chief Roman newspaper, *Il Messaggero*, had publicly accused five Roma players of not trying in the hope of getting rid of their manager.

Grace under pressure was indeed what Eriksson showed that week, in which I saw quite a lot of him. When he took over from his fellow Swede, Nils Liedholm, he inherited a team which was losing Falcao, inspiration of the midfield, and which had clearly done all it could with Liddas's initially bold tactics; zonal defence displacing the sacred libero and man-to-man marking.

But there had been an inherent gradualism about Roma; they had played good football with a slow build-up. Eriksson wanted them to go on with their zonal scheme but to push up much faster, to force the pace, to keep up a sustained, almost infernal, rhythm. This meant a much smaller margin for error, but the chance of creating many more opportunities.

It also placed greater demands on stamina, demanded a much more rigorous training routine than any of the seasons under Liddas. Moreover there was the weight of a mistaken tradition to fight; the stupid belief, which I have always resisted, yet which was even embraced by such as Juve's Giampiero Boniperti, that Italians were in some way physically inferior to their Nordic counterparts, that they had to prevail by strategy and guile.

High Priest of this fatuous idea was the journalist Gianni Brera, whose contemptible response to the *Sunday Times* revelations of the Lobo-Solti case was, rather than to do his duty as the doyen of Italian sports journalists, to make vicious personal attacks on myself.

This nonsense out of the way, it is plain that there is new life in Italian football; brought there by a man who turned IFK Gothenburg into the admirable European club they are today, later won Portuguese titles with Benfica, and is a fervent admirer of English football. Trevor Francis pointed out in a recent interview in Italy that Eriksson studied the methods of Liverpool. Which brings me to Gérard Houllier, his visit last Christmas to that city, and the possibility of getting him to England, more specifically North London, to gratify his secret desire. But more of that a little later.

The point is that Eriksson has made his point, won his battle, and put in the field a Roma team which utterly overshadowed all that occurred in the subsequent Juventus-Barcelona game in Turin. You could only be sorry that Juventus rather than Roma were representing Italy; and

where London?

that Roma had left their effort in the League so late this year; spoiling it moreover with a ridiculous odd goal of seven defeat in Verona the week before.

But Gianni Trapattoni, shortly off to enjoy his 2 billion lire contract at Inter, really gave the game away after the Barcelona draw, and elimination, by saying that the trouble was, Juve had given away a goal in the first leg, therefore they had to attack to get it back in the second leg, necessitating the leaving of spaces. How pitiful and ignominious are the implications of such an abject excuse, Italian journalists who were actually in Barcelona poured scorn on Juve's feebly negative and cautious approach there, one which at the death led them into defeat when, in the 81st minute, Julio Alberto's shot was deflected past Tacconi for the solitary goal of the game.

"Barcelona were a larva," said one Roman reporter to me, scornfully, "but Juventus were so cautious they never found it out." Barcelona were without Schuster, be it strongly and fairly emphasised. Schuster at his best, temperamental, perverse and undisciplined though he may sometimes be, is a radiant star; a creator.

The poverty of Juventus's approach almost defies criticism and condemnation. Franco Zeffirelli, their most embattled critic (before Juve played their April League game against Fiorentina, Zibi Boniek said he hoped Zeffirelli would rouse Florence against Juventus) is right to despise the mean souled attitude they have so long espoused, as Terry Venables was right to say that where his Barcelona like to score one goal more, Juve like to give away one goal less.

When I left the Press Box at half time in Turin, then returned, an Italian journalist asked me in all seriousness whether I had managed to speak to the *avvocato* (lawyer) Agnelli; Fiat's boss, patron of the Juventus club, the man at whose feet Italian journalists shamelessly sit and grovel, game by game. "No I haven't," I said, "but if I had, I'd just have shouted one word at him: BONIEK!"

For Boniek has emphatically had the last laugh on Agnelli, and you couldn't blame him for rubbing it in after their elimination by Barcelona. Agnelli used to call the Pole *bello di notte*, a play on the title "Belle du Jour," Buñuel's famous film, and on the fact that Boniek seemed to come fully to life only when Juve played their European evening games.

England star Glen Hoddle.

But when Agnelli, after the Barcelona return leg, said that Juve's Dane Laudrup had reminded him of Boniek, Zibi took his chance to strike back. In the *Corriere dello Sport*, he or his ghost wrote: "Remember that there is a difference; when I was playing, Juventus won all the European titles." Point taken.

There's a buzz that Juve might offer their job to the Paris Saint Germain manager, Gerard Houllier, who has had such a magnificent season. But I am sure that Houllier, whom I visited in Paris not long ago, would be enticed and fascinated by an offer from a major English club. Christmas 1985 found him using the winter break in France to watch Everton's training in Liverpool; where he once taught as an exchange teacher.

His brother told me when we spoke during a match at the Parc des Princes that Gérard's cherished aim is to manage an English club. And why not; if they could only afford him? He is a remarkable manager and his English is a great deal better than that of most of our own managers.

FUNNY old lot, managers. There was Eduard Malafaev, assuring me when I met him the morning after the Russia-England game, at Tbilisi airport, that his team was short of match fitness and practice; having emerged from a Russian League which had begun only in mid-January.

In fact, the Russian national team had been in training camp two whole months, and lost internationals as far apart as Spain and Mexico. Malafaev attributed England's "deserved" win to their superior physical condition; they had kept up the pressure on his own players, he said, throughout the game. He rated England among "the strongest" in Mexico; together with Hungary and . . . Russia: We shall see.

Critical reaction to English victories nowadays seems to be polarised between ex-players who don't go to the game, appear on television, and make scathing comments, and a Panglossian section of the Press who seem to be acting as cheerleaders.

It was most significant to me that when in Tbilisi I eventually got back for dinner in my hotel, after leaving the stadium and the England team's own hotel, the reaction among the decent, objective, knowledgeable fans with whom I'd travelled was one of disappointment. "A non-event," they said, sadly, quite unmoved by the victory, even though it had been achieved so unexpectedly, against a Russian team unbeaten at home for 18 games, since 1979, games in which they had conceded not a single goal.

RIVER PLATE RUNAWAY ARGENTINA CHAMPIONS

from ERIC WEIL

RIVER PLATE, who led the Argentine first division virtually from the start last year and gradually increased their lead, clinched the title with five games to go.

River's championship campaign was built more on outstanding individual play of their star-studded side — none more than Uruguayan international midfielder, Enzo Francescoli, who was also the championship's leading scorer with 25 goals — and fast counter-attack. They never played quite as well without Francescoli although they had other leading scorers.

For River Plate, who went through 15 games unbeaten before clinching the title, it was their 17th professional first division title (since 1931) and they are followed by Boca Juniors (12), Independiente (8), Racing Club (6), San Lorenzo (5), Estudiantes de La Plata (2) and Chacarita Juniors, Huracan, Newell's Old Boys, Quilmes and Argentinos Juniors (one each).

The young second-placed Newell's Old Boys team meanwhile had gone 17 games without defeat and the fight was still on at press time for five places in a six-team playoff from which the winner will go into this year's Libertadores Cup instead of national champions, Argentinos Juniors who qualified as holders. Velez Sarsfield are in the playoff as national vice-champions plus the five teams behind River Plate in the final table, excluding currently fourth-placed Argentinos Juniors.

Chacarita Juniors are already doomed to relegation and the most likely team to accompany them are Huracán. Relegation is calculated on average of points obtained over the last two seasons and the current one.

Claudio Borghi, the exciting young striker who, like Maradona, also started his career with Argentinos Juniors, in Argentina, and made his international debut for that country last November when barely 21, is being transferred for close on $3 million in a curious operation.

He will leave Argentinos Juniors after the World Cup for Switzerland's Servette, play for them for one or two seasons and then move on to Sampdoria in Italy. Both the European clubs contributed to the fee, the reason appearing to be that Sampdoria cannot sign a foreigner until the Italian Federation lift their ban on new imports.

A no less unusual transfer was that of two Argentine second division players — Jorge Arbelo and Oscar Mindolasio of Defensores de Belgrano — to the Ana Yokohama Soccer of Japan for $50,000 and $30,000 respectively.

Meanwhile midfielder Daniel Valencia — a member of Argentina's 1978 World Cup winning squad — went on loan from Talleres Córdoba (Argentina) to Liga Deportiva Universitario de Quito (Ecuador) until the end of the year.

● *Another Maradona appeared in the Argentine first division in March, Hugo, 16, who starred for Argentina's Under-16 team in the world championship of that category last year in China, came on as a late substitute for Argentinos Juniors — the club Diego started with — in their 3-2 defeat against Boca Juniors. But Hugo said his dream was to play some day for Boca Juniors together with his two brothers, Diego and the younger Raul.*

COLOMBIA: The suspicion that money from narcotics finds its way into Colombia's professional soccer clubs continues to worry the government of that country and as most clubs would not comply with government directives — inspection of their books, a capital of at least $100,000 and a minimum of 1,000 members — the championship was held up for a week before the authorities decided to let the competition start, giving the clubs an extension to comply.

Colombian clubs are in a weak position as the stadiums they play in belong to the municipality of the town where they play. Furthermore, the majority of clubs are owned by a company or one person and do not have members. One thing the government continues to worry about is the purchase of numerous foreign players — where is the money coming from when gates are so poor? — many of whom then do not come to play or play only for a short period. The "transfer fees" paid usually constitute a good way to get "black" money out of the country. At press-time even Leon Londono, president of one of the clubs and the current Colombian FA chief, was under investigation and free on bail.

The season finally started with 49 foreigners — four can play in each team — more than half of which (25) were Argentines, but outstanding at this early stage was Peruvian international Cesar Uribe whose performances were helping Atletico Junior of Barranquilla to hold joint first place with champions, America de Cali, in group A after four matches. Independiente Medellin was leading in group B.

Eight of the 14 clubs started the season under foreign coaches, including a Yugoslav — Vladimir Popovic of Deportivo Cali.

BRAZIL: Coaches, always the first to be blamed and fired when their clubs are not doing well, may get a measure of stability in Brazil with a new law being discussed in Congress which would gaurantee them contracts for a minimum of six months.

State championships are being played in Brazil, without national team players taking part while preparing for the World Cup. Half of the first round of the Carioca Championship (Rio de Janeiro) has been completed with Flamengo and Vasco da Gama jointly leading, a point ahead of defending champions, Fluminense.

BOLIVIA: Bolivar, from La Paz, won the Bolivian professional league championship in an exciting final playoff against Real Santa Cruz in which no goals were scored, even in extra time, and a penalty shoot-out series (of five) ended 4-4 with Vargas then converting for Bolivar and Aguirre sending the next shot over the bar for Real.

Earlier, each team won their home leg of the final, Bolivar 6-1 and Real 3-1, but goal difference did not count.

It was a happy occasion for Bolivar coach Moises Barak and their goalkeeper, Eusebio Acasuzo, both Peruvians who had been dismissed some time earlier from their national team squad. Real Santa Cruz, reaching the final for the first time, were also coached by a foreigner — Chilean Andres Prieto.

This brought to an end one of the best domestic seasons in Bolivia for some time with games of a relatively high standard — helped by an influx of foreign players and coaches — and big gates which enabled clubs to pay their players some of the highest salaries in South America, contrasting sharply with the economic crisis and low living standards of the country. Bolivar's players got $2,000 each as a bonus for winning the title, while Real Santa Cruz players had been promised a car each (worth $7,000).

Bolivar and Jorge Wilsterman represent Bolivia in this year's Libertadores Cup. The latter had won the first stage of the championship and at press-time they had signed Chilean coach, Raul Pino — who had already coached them in the Libertadores Cup in 1981 and did it with 1984 champions, Blooming, in last year's Libertadores Cup — to replace Argentine, Jorge Vichera, who had "disappeared" from Cochabamba, the club's home town (?).

PARAGUAY: Olimpia and Libertad were joint leaders of the Paraguay first division after three games, although the former had played its first two games without national team players away on tour.

Olimpia and Guarani are the two clubs with most players in the national team squad training for the World Cup finals. Olimpia's Evaristo Isasi, one of those in the squad, topped the scorers' table with four goals.

Unusual in a first division game was the loss of points by big club, Cerro Porteño. They failed to present the corresponding registration cards of their players prior to the game against San Lorenzo.

PERU: Universidad Tecnica de Catamarja finished the decentralised championship with an eight-point lead, but — as mentioned before — this does not automatically give them a place in this year's Libertadores Cup.

This goes to one of five clubs which were due to play off in a top-six tournament between Universidad, Universitario de Deportes, Alianza Lima, Deportivo Municipal, Espartanos and Carlos Mannucci . . . but the Catamarja team starts the mini-tournament with a two-point bonus for finishing top of the league.

To runners-up Universitario de Deportes goes a one-point bonus, but they will not be playing for a cup place which they already gained by winning the season's regional championship. Universitario, who have put up Peru's best performances in the Libertadores Cup in which they have played on 13 occasions, are hopeful of putting up a good performance again with the recent signing of former internationals, Juan Caballero, Juan Cabanillas and Victor Hurtado. They are coached by a former national team coach, Marcos Calderon.

EQUADOR: Colombian Emilio Vilarete, a leading scorer last season with runners-up Deportivo Quito, started the new season in scoring form for his new club, Liga Deportiva Universitaria of the same town, who have also just acquired former international midfielder, Daniel Valencia of Argentina's 1978 World Cup winning team.

They top the league, unbeaten after three games. The 16 clubs are playing the first stage of the championship in two sections.

Last year's top scorer, Uruguayan Carlos de Lima, has meanwhile moved from Universidad Catolica to Deportivo Quito and is also continuing to get them in.

CHILE: The Chilean first division started under a worsening financial crisis as most clubs are heavily in debt and some owe their players huge sums — some from as long as six years back, according to players union president, Gabriel Rodriguez.

The players had also threatened not to turn out on the opening day, but under the present circumstances this would hardly have helped them to press their point as there just seems to be no money available. Meanwhile, FA officials have come up with the idea of declaring the Asociacion Central de Futbol bankrupt and forming a new entity which would start off without any debts (?).

The 20 first division clubs play in two groups — North and South — and two games had been played at press-time.

MEXICO: Monterrey won the Mexican first division championship for the first time when they beat Tampico-Madero 2-0 after extra time in the home leg of the 1985-86 final to take the title 3-2 on aggregate. Defending champions America had been knocked out by Tampico-Madero in the semi-finals.

The Mexican championship was shortened — teams playing 18 instead of the usual 36 regular season games.

NEWCOMERS COBRESAL SHINE

COBRESAL, the Chilean champions taking part in the Libertadores Cup for the first time after only having entered their country's first division in 1984, are early favourites to win group 2 of the competition, the only one which had started at press time. Playing defensively and marking well, Cobresal drew both their away group games against their Colombian rivals, America de Cali (0-0) and Deportivo Cali (1-1) to become favourites to qualify for the semi-finals.

CONMEBOL CHANGES PRESIDENT AFTER 20 YEARS

PARAGUAY'S Nicolas Leoz was elected president of the South American Football Confederation (CONMEBOL) in a pre-election vote taken between representatives of the different federations in Rio de Janeiro in March and he was to be confirmed in the post officially on May 1 at that body's annual congress in Bogotá.

Leoz replaces Peruvian Teofilo Salinas who has held the job for 20 years and was up for election again, but never stood a chance because he had FIFA president Joao Havelange against him. Salinas fell out with Havelange last year when the latter was instrumental in changing the venue for the World Youth Cup finals from Chile to the Soviet Union.

What has the FIFA president got to do with CONMEBOL? Nothing officially, but he is influential and every country wants to stay on good terms with him.

COLOMBIA WANTS 1994 WORLD CUP

COLOMBIA will enter a bid for the 1994 World Cup finals at the next FIFA congress, according to their FA president, Leon Londono Tamayo. Colombia had to give up the 1986 World Cup, now being held in Mexico, due to financial problems.

VENEZUELA'S PROBLEMS

FIFTEEN Venezuelan provincial soccer federations have sent a cable to FIFA asking it to organise new elections of their FA to enable the country's affiliation to the international body to be regularised again. Venezuela's affiliation was suspended by FIFA as two groups claim to rule the game there and the country has therefore not been able to enter its top two clubs — champions Estudiantes de Merida and Deportivo Tachira — for this year's Libertadores Cup. They were due to face Paraguay's representatives in this year's competition and they may still be able to enter if Venezuela is reaffiliated in April.

■ *CARLOS CASZELY, the former Chilean international striker who, at the age of 35, retired last season from, what he now says, Chilean football, will play for Ecuadorian champions, Barcelona, but only in the Libertadores Cup. Barcelona are coached by former Chilean national coach, Luis Santibañez who had Caszely in his national team in the 1982 World Cup finals. Caszely will not play for Barcelona in league matches for which the club already has its maximum quota of four foreign players.*

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■ *OSCAR "PININO" MAS, the River Plate and Argentine international winger, continues to play at 39. He has just signed for a minor league provincial team, Sportivo Baradero, from near Buenos Aires, and thinks he has at least two more seasons left.*

GERMANY WIN, BUT

by Arthur Rotmil

NOT TOO much should be read into West Germany's 2-0 win over Brazil in Frankfurt.

The South Americans regarded by many as World Cup favourites came from the warmth of their climate into the cold of Europe, but though their squad has already began training together they were without their Italian-based stars, Junior, Cerezo, Edinho and Dirceu, as well as Zico who has again damaged his knee.

Of course, the Germans too, were badly weakened by the absence of four men, among them such key figures like a prolific striker Rudi Völler (operated on hernia), stopper Karl-Heinz Förster (suffered a groin strain in training), plus Pierre Littbarski (damaged ankle ligaments) and sweeper Klaus Augenthaler (hamstring), while captain Karl-Heinz Rummenigge had to go off at half-time with a knee injury.

In fact Völler and Littbarski may not play again this season and it is anybody's guess in what physical shape they will appear in Mexico. The crowd of 52,000 in Frankfurt's Wald-stadion had nontheless something to cheer, especially as West Germany's record against Brazil is quite dismal. In ten previous encounters the Germans only won once and this was 18 years ago.

After Briegel headed in a precise corner from Matthäus just two minutes into the game, the substitute Gründel and Allofs combined for the second goal hit by the latter two minutes from time. Team chief Franz Beckenbauer was pleased with the outcome though he too, must realise he still has a lot of work to do to convert the team into potential World Cup winners, Schemer Felix Magath, so often criticised, played one of his best internationals yet, "still not good enough" as Beckenbauer admitted.

Uruguay's national team manager Omar Borras said sarcastically: "It was an impertinence what these two teams had demonstrated."

Other observers were more diplomatic. Scotland's Andy Roxburgh pointed to the absence of some top German stars and warned they will be a force in Mexico.

Most German players were happy and claimed that this win has raised morale and confidence in the camp. The Italian referee Agnolin brought a sour note into the proceedings when he sent Germany's assistant team manager Horst Köppel off the bench for demanding a yellow card for a foul on Mill. Köppel left his seat but returned with a chair and sat down next to the managerial bench!

To sum up: An encouraging performance by Beckenbauer's charges without quite hitting the top notes. When the squad trains together for a fortnight in May some of the current faults should be eradicated.

Two of the most controversial German footballers Harald Schumacher and Bernd Schuster made the headlines again for vastly different reasons, Schumacher was sent off in the league match against Bayern Munich after two warnings for identical offences.

First he brought down striker Mathy who broke clear through, conceding a penalty which Matthäus converted and was shown the yellow card. Then he allegedly tripped Wohlfarth who also charged unchallenged into the area; another penalty, another conversion by Matthäus, only this time Schumacher was given his marching orders. The fact that he left the field without protest was interpreted by some as an admission of guilt.

Others, including Franz Beckenbauer, doubted whether the goalie made contact with Wohlfarth who displayed sympathy for the 'keeper and thought the red card was harsh, the penalty sufficient punishment. The disciplinary commission banned Schumacher for four weeks for "rough play" and this caused a storm of protests.

The upset Schumacher was reported as having threatened that if the ban meant he wouldn't be picked for the game with Brazil he would not go to Mexico. But in a telephone conversation Beckenbauer advised him to wait for the verdict of the appeal's committee and he said there were no threats made by Schumacher implying a refusal to play in the World Cup. After studying the video recording the committee decided that there was no case of "rough play" to answer and lifted the suspension altogether, on Schumacher's 32nd birthday.

The case has thrown an interesting light on the regulations of the DFB who allow films as evidence for, or against disciplined players. When Bruno Pezzey the Austrian national team captain and Werder Bremen's sweeper was sent off a week earlier for a second bad foul, the commission who studied a TV-film adjudged him to be innocent.

But then Dr Hans Kindermann the chief of the disciplinary panel lodged an appeal and Pezzey was subsequently fined £330.

In a lightning poll organised among the foreign correspondents of the country's largest sports publication *Kicker-Sportmagazin* it transpires that out of 18 countries from which reporters checked the rules, only three admit filmed evidence. Incidentally UEFA do not either.

The never-ending saga of Bernd Schuster took another unexpected turn when the capricious star still with Barcelona, but apparently on the way out, has declared his intention to return to the Bundesliga! He claims to have received offers from Hamburg, Bayer Leverkusen, but also from Köln the club he left in anger in 1981.

Apparently Schuster wants to play in the Bundesliga only for a year and then transfer to Italy. Well-informed sources claim that the Italians will not re-open their borders to foreigners till 1987.

Milan who are said to be keen on Schuster would pay the £2.28 million fee demanded by Barcelona and would loan him out to 1.FC Köln who would just pay his wages estimated at £200,000 a year.

Schuster insists he can no longer stay in Barcelona, he now has had enough of it and wants "a fresh challenge". He admits that he "stood up" Terry Venables twice so that Barcelona's English team manager has stripped him of the team captaincy and they are not on speaking terms.

Schuster used to phone often with Beckenbauer who encouraged him and claimed: "I need you Bernd." But the player himself issued two conditions for his return to national colours. "First of all every squad member must be in favour of my re-instatement. Secondly, everybody has to pull the same string, while the media and the DFB must publicly declare that they will neither treat me as a hero, nor as a sole scapegoat."

To the first condition Lothar Matthäus, for instance, who would have played next to Schuster in midfield has said that it is unfair if any player who has helped the team to qualify for Mexico would now have to give up his place to a virtual newcomer. And schemer Felix Magath declared that if Schuster is better than him then he should play, but that he will not take on the role of understudy. Earlier Littbarski, Berthold and Köppel expressed scepticism and criticised Schuster's proposed comeback.

On top of all that, Schuster is unlikely to play again this season as he is breaking up his connections with Barcelona. Without competitive football in the months leading up to the World Cup he would not have been a worthy candidate for the team. Probably with this in mind he has "finally" decided he would not return to the national side.

On the domestic front the team of the month, if not the year, were Bayer Uerdingen who crushed Dynamo Dresden in the Cup-winners' Cup in sensational fashion. Trailing by 3-1 at half-time and 5-1 down on aggregate the Krefelder hit six goals in a crazy spell within 28 minutes to reach the semi-final by 7-5 overall!

The presidents of the Bundesliga clubs confirmed that there will be a longer winter break next season of some 11 weeks from the beginning of December till the end of February, while the summer break will be cut to four weeks. In addition, an indoor tournamant featuring all 18 top division clubs will be organised during the winter pause. The new formula will be tried for the next two years.

A special commission will also study the possibility of running the championship like in Scandinavian countries and in the Soviet Union according to the calendar from March until December. The national side will in future play all matches during the season in mid-week. In direct opposition to the wishes of the DFB president Hermann Neuberger the First Bundesliga will for the present not be reduced to 16 clubs. The vote on most of the changes was almost unanimous.

The verdict is seen as a victory for the league representative Dr Reinhard Rauball over Neuberger and underlines the growing influence of the clubs and their representatives. In the past DFB was sole arbiter on any new legislation.

It remains to be seen how the players react to the shorter holidays in the summer. A four-week break really means just two weeks leave, bearing in mind that they would have to report for training well before the season starts on August 9. Since there is no Players Union in West Germany it does seem as if the clubs will determine on their own how long the players' holidays should last.

Felix Magath

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Magath is an enigma

FELIX MAGATH the schemer of Hamburg SV and of the national team remains the great enigma of West German football. Often brilliant in club matches, but rarely outstanding in national colours he will be the playmaker, the midfield general in the World Cup simply because there is no other better in the Bundesliga.

Opinions are sharply divided as to whether the nearly 33 year old is not a liability, bearing in mind that he has slowed down and that he doesn't enjoy the support of all his team mates. The former famous international Paul Breitner, now writing for a mass circulation paper, described Magath's part in the national side as "superfluous, like an abscess", a comment which upset Magath and moved him to write an open letter to Breitner in the country's leading sports paper Kicker — Sport Magazin.

Nevertheless, Mexico will provide the last stage and maybe the crowning glory for the footballer who can look with some pride at his long and mainly successful career, which he will extend as from next season in the role of Hamburg's general manager.

Wolfgang Felix Magath was born on July 26, 1953 in Aschaffenburg in north-west Bavaria. His grandfather, who was Spanish, emigrated to America and settled down in the Virgin Islands where Felix's father was born. He was drafted into the US army and was posted on occupation duty in West Germany where he met Felix's mother in Aschaffenburg. The youngster was 17 before he saw his father again in Germany.

His early ambition to become a footballer took him to the amateur club VfR Nilkheim and then to the two bigger local clubs TV and Viktoria Aschaffenburg. After a spell with 1.FC Saarbrücken he was transferred to Hamburg, where he has now been playing for 10 years.

His vision, precision passing, dribbling skill and ability to create chances, soon alerted the then national team manager Helmut Schön. In his first season with Hamburg Magath celebrated his international debut in a 2-1 win over Yugoslavia on April 30, 1977 in Belgrade when coming on as substitute for Heinz Flohe.

A further call up followed v Uruguay but then three years had elapsed before Magath donned the national jersey again in a 3-1 success over Poland in Frankfurt.

The change in management — Derwall replacing the retiring Schön — had affected Magath's international career. He took part in the first phase 1980 European Championship final matches but was not picked for the actual Final. And the same misfortune befell him in the World Cup Final in Spain two years later.

Magath was picked for the three games in the first phase, then dropped, recalled for the semi-final but left out of the Final. He was so disappointed and incensed that he declared he would never play for the national team again.

He thus missed the European Championship finals in 1984, but when Derwall was pushed out the new team chief Franz Beckenbauer called on him again. Despite some disappointing performances the boss is sticking to his choice of schemer who is looking forward to his final fling in Mexico.

He will then hang up his boots and look back on three Bundesliga Championship medals (1979, 1982, 1983), a European Champions Cup triumph (1983), in which he scored the winning goal v Juventus, and a Cup Winners Cup success (1977), in which he hit the decisive second goal v Anderlecht.

Magath has studied business management and this persuaded the Hamburg board to appoint him as general manager in succession to Günter Netzer as from next season.

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and has been a regular ever since. Member of team who finished fourth in 1983 World Youth Cup in Mexico.

KIM SUK-WON. Defender. Daewoo Royals. 23/8. A team regular until a knee injury forced him out late in the World Cup qualifiers. Rejoined the squad earlier this year.

PARK KYUNG-HOON. Right back. Pohang Atoms. 25/2. An adventurous defender. A regular member of the squad for over a year, playing on both Mexico and Europe trips.

CHO KWANG-RAE. Midfield. Daewoo Royals. 32/14. A defensive midfielder, Cho is one of the most experienced players in the team. Was brought back to strengthen the squad after the loss to Malaysia. Nicknamed The Computer. Can also play sweeper.

CHO MIN-KOOK. Midfield. Korea University. 22/14. An aggressive, attacking midfielder, good in the air and a frequent scorer. Promoted to the senior squad after fine showings for the Olympic team in the 1985 President's Cup and Kobe Universiade. Used as substitute on Mexico trip.

HUH JUNG-MOO. Midfield. Hyundai Tigers. 31/17. Once on the books of PSV Eindhoven. Was the top scorer in the World Cup qualifiers with four goals. Missed the late 1985 tour to Mexico due to injury. Was meant to undergo surgery in West Germany last year, but has postponed the operation until after the World Cup finals. Scored the decisive goal in the qualifying final against Japan.

KIM SAM-SOO. Midfield. Dong-A University. 22/18. Brought into the squad after outstanding performances in the 1985 President's Cup and Kobe Universiade. Scored a hat-trick in the Universiade game for fifth place against Mexico. Deputy for skipper Chang Sun.

LEE TAE-HO. Midfield/Forward. Daewoo Royals. 25/12. Possibly the squad's greatest all round player, he can play up front or in the middle of the field with great effect. One of the prime movers behind Daewoo's recent successes, Lee is a speedy forward with good close control and a hard shot. Has been used as somewhat of a "supersub" in recent times. A strange tactic considering he is a recognised goalscorer, and has developed an excellent understanding with centre-forward Choi Soon-ho. Sent off against Mexico last December.

PARK CHANG-SUN. Midfield. Daewoo Royals. 32/10. A cool defensive midfielder and team captain, Park was added to the squad as a steadying influence after the loss to Malaysia. Also the team's regular penalty taker. Often substituted to make the most of his fading stamina.

NO SOO-JIN. Midfield. Korea University. 24/1. Previously a regular in the Olympic team, joined the senior squad in October 1985. Played only once on the Mexico tour.

BYUN BYUNG-JOO. Winger. Daewoo Royals. 25/11. Nicknamed "the bullet" because of his powerful shot, Byun was Daewoo's best player when the club won the recently completed Asian Club Championship. Scored in both play-off games against Indonesia. Could be the man to make way for Cha Bum-kun.

CHOI SOON-HO. Centre-forward. Pohang Atoms. 24/13. An imaginative, courageous, immensely skilled striker and recent winner of the 1985 "Asian Footballer of the Year" poll. Regarded as South Korea's best player since Cha Bum-kun, Choi was a member of the youth team that contested the Coca-Cola cup finals in 1979 and 1981. Not a centre-forward in the true sense, he prefers to play from deep and, although he is a scorer of spectacular goals, more often sets up his fellow strikers with his

Vercruy
Mexico

PHILIPPE VERCRUYSSE is en route for Mexico. Just as he hoped he would be, when the Lens attacking midfielder was called up for the sixteen French internationals in the squad to meet Argentina, last March.

Already Vercruysse, who had been with Lens since boyhood, knew that he was on his way to Bordeaux. He was determined to make the move, above all because he so much wanted to play beside Alain Giresse; who ironically missed the game against Argentina, owing to injury.

Vercruysse had the immense satisfaction not only of getting on to the field for his debut, but of actually scoring a goal. This in a match which saw France take the field without either Michel Platini or, as we have seen, Giresse. A wonderful boost for our World Cup chances.

Who can say any more that France stands or falls by the wizardries of Platini — or Giresse? Neither played; yet there was just no gainsaying the French superiority. And note too that on this occasion, both Battiston and Bossis, those eternal rivals for the libero position, played side by side in the centre of defence, and excelled. Perhaps Argentina were not as good at getting in the crosses as had been Bulgaria and East Germany in the games France lost away in the World Cup qualifiers. But the suggestion is that these two fine players, so long at daggers discreetly drawn, have found some kind of a *modus vivendi*; which will serve France splendidly, in Mexico.

Vercruysse and the attacker, Xuereb, both got on the field against Argentina; a considerable score for the Lens team brought to fruition by Gérard Houllier, three years there till he left them for Paris Saint Germain last summer. Three days only after the Argentine victory, both men helped Lens to beat Paris S-G in the first leg of their French Cup tie.

Vercruysse has said, effectively, that he has had enough of paddling in the shallows, that the time of the *copains*, the chums, has gone. He is ready to leave behind the warm and friendly world of Lens, to try his luck at the top. But even before the Argentina game, he was absolutely set on playing in Mexico. Now there seems little to stop him.

African players continue to make a colossal contribution to French football. Not least those from Senegal just as Bocandé and Sène; who reckon they were very hard done by last March in the African Nations Cup. Beating Egypt on their own soil, they still managed to miss the cut for the Final. With a missed penalty by the unhappy Bocandé very much to blame. Back came Sène to take the field as substitute for Paris S-G at home to Toulon; breaking the deadlock and scoring the only goal of the game, a mere minute after he came on to the field as substitute.

Let us elaborate. In Egypt, having beaten Mozambique as well as hosts Egypt, there seemed nothing much to worry about when Senegal met the Ivory Coast. Maybe they were a touch too confident. Bocandé missed his penalty, the match slipped away, and so did the title itself, Bocandé, who plays for Metz in the French Championship, was left to count the consequences of his miss. "Football," as Senè so incontrovertibly said, "isn't really logical."

Omar Sène is a talented attacker who this season has found it hard to win a regular place in the star-encrusted Paris S-G side; but as he points out his contract has several years to run, and there is cause for hope. Formerly with Laval, Sène has the ability to produce spectacular goals at the crucial moment. "Jules has had no luck," he meanwhile generously says of Bocandé's penalty miss. "But that's no reason to insult us, as we have been."

Sène has accused the officials of the Senegal team of disorganisation; they in turn, through the local Senegal paper, have accused the players of being indisciplined, of caring about nothing but money. Sène himself, they allege, asked to be substituted, because he didn't get a pass he should have got from his team mate, Teuw. Sène says briefly, "I regret it." But he's a plus for Paris S-G.

Will the lanky, gifted, technically adroit Bernard Genghini, scorer of that sizzling winning goal from a free kick against Austria in Madrid in the '82 World Cup, scorer of a string of goals this year in the devastation of Bordeaux, be left out of the 22 for Mexico; as he was left out of the initial squads against Northern Ireland, and Argentina?

Genghini says he wasn't very surprised not to be called in the original squad against Argentina, since in the image of the Monaco team, he had lately been somewhat out of form; even if he had been effective in the last match at Brest. But he said he remained the most effective midfielder in France, with a dozen goals to his name, and believed that his chances of going to Mexico were still good. Henri Michel, the French manager, in his belief, wanted to have a look at some of the younger players.

Told that it seemed there was a long list of players in front of him — then including the unhappy Touré, whose injury, sustained in the UEFA Cup return leg at home to Inter, will seemingly keep him out of the World Cup, Genghini responded, unflurried, that there was still a month to go. He didn't want to count on other people being injured (prescient, in view of the injury to Touré) to get to the World Cup, but if he didn't go, he would be terribly disappointed since, at 28, it was certainly going to be his last World Cup.

Monaco's season went wrong, said Genghini — how odd to hear anything of the sort after their amazing display against Bordeaux — when they were put out of the Cup by Le Havre. Had they got through, he said, they would have had the incentive to

deft flicks and passes. Has recently been on the shopping lists of PSV Eindhoven and Bangu AC, but is determined to play in either West Germany or Italy after the World Cup finals. He is presently the highest paid player in the Superleague.

KIM JONG-BO. Right wing. Korea University. 21/7. An elusive forward with deceptive speed and a hard shot, Kim has been the most effective striker of the Olympic team over the past couple of years. Draughted into the senior squad before the play-off with Japan. Another member of fourth-placed 1983 World Youth Cup team. May be axed from the World Cup squad after a transfer row.

KIM JOO-SUNG. Right wing. Chosun University. 20/16. Another member of the Olympic team during the President's Cup and Kobe Universiade. Scored on his senior debut in the play-off against Indonesia. Currently involved in a court battle after raising his fee to join professional club Yukong Elephants. Scored twice in three games on last year's Mexican tour.

KIM YONG-SE. Midfield. Yukong Elephants. 26/4. Usually a striker with his club, Kim will be used as a defensive midfielder in Mexico. An injury in March last year caused him to miss most of the elimination games.

CHA BUM-KUN. Forward. Bayer Leverkusen (West Germany). 33/141. Regarded as the best South Korean player of all time, Cha has been a regular in the West German Bundesliga since 1978. In 1980 he was actually rated ahead of Kevin Keegan in a poll conducted by the respected *Kicker* magazine. The most experienced player in the squad (he is credited with the dubious total of 141 international appearances), Cha will be invaluable in the maelstrom of the World Cup finals. Recently lying equal third on the Bundesliga scorers' list with 14 goals. Manager Kim had to stick his neck out to insist on Cha's recall. Cha says: "It will be my last football mission."

ARGENTINA'S Diego Maradona tackled by French captain Max Bossis during France's 2-0 win in Paris.

■ SAINT ETIENNE will be called upon to answer serious allegations levelled by Scottish club Dumbarton (writes ROBERT WATT).

A row has erupted between the clubs in the wake of *Les Verts*' decision to pull out of a £160,000 deal which would have taken young Scots Steve McCahill and Stuart MacIver to France.

Dumbarton have accused Saint Etienne of trying to bribe director Alex Wright to persuade the board to accept a lower transfer fee and they have asked the Scottish FA to raise the matter with UEFA.

"We deplore Saint Etienne's handling of this entire affair," said Dumbarton's vice-chairman, former referee David Murdoch. "Improper financial inducements were offered to our representative to get us to accept a modified transfer fee and we are incensed that a club of Saint Etienne's standing should behave in this way."

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do better in the League. All I feel moved to add is that very few World Cup teams in the game would feel able to leave a player of the sheer quality, not to say experience, of Genghini at home.

Centre-forward, by the way, for the Cameroons team which accounted for Senegal in the African Nations Cup then most unluckily went on to lose the Final on mere penalties to Egypt was Roger Milla. Back he came, anxious to play for his team the following Saturday but they told him to take a day off and sit in the stand. Since then as we know Saint Etienne, so often alas in trouble, have been accused by Dumbarton of all unlikely people of underhand methods in trying to sign a couple of their players.

Racing Club de Paris are home and dry, back in double time to the First Division, which means that Maxime Bossis' spell in Division Two was just as brief as he hoped it would be. Certainly it doesn't seem to have done him and his international career any noticeable harm.

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goal from Nadjer that put Algeria ahead. Four minutes later Milla created a goal for Biyik and then Milla and Ebongue between them set up the second goal for Kana.

It was a justified reward for the young player who played so well in the competition.

The third goal was vintage Milla, racing at the goalkeeper, seeming to go too far but pouncing again to steer the ball home when Drid failed to secure it.

Gruop B

Cameroun	3	2	1	0	7-5	5
Morocco	3	1	2	0	2-1	4
Algeria	3	0	2	1	2-3	1
Zambia	3	0	1	2	2-4	1

Semi-finals

Cameroun 1 Ivory Coast 0

CAMEROUN had the best of a close match and edged out Ivory Coast by a single goal.

Ivory Coast never managed to push enough men forward to seriously worry the experienced Cameroun defence.

The only goal of the game was scored by Milla just after half time. A free-kick was taken on the left, the St Etienne forward missed with his header but goalkeeper Gbolie let the ball bounce off his body and Milla swept the rebound into the net.

Ivory Coast had one good chance to equalise half way through the second half. A long kick from the kick was headed onwards and fell at the feet of Fofana. He left two defenders behind but was robbed by Nkono who rushed out to make the bravest, and probably the best, save of the tournament.

Cameroun: Nkono, Sinkot, Aoudou, Kunde, Biyik, M'Fede, N'Bida, M'Bouh, Ndip, Milla, Ebongue. Subs: Dang for M'Fede, Oumarou for Ebongue.

Ivory Coast: Gbolie, Gnahore, Sacre, Lago, Gadji Celli, N'Dri, Oumar, Zahui, Traore, Fofana, Monguehi. Sub Diecket for N'Dri.

Egypt 1 Morocco 0

THE WHOLE of Cairo joined in the celebrations with fireworks and car hooters giving the city a festive atmosphere as the national team reached the Nations Cup Final. It was a sweet victory over the side that had eliminated them from the World Cup.

Home advantage was without doubt a dominating factor and the Egyptians laid seige to the Moroccan half of the field for most of the game.

The homeside started this game with just one winger, Mostafa Abdou, but fullback Shehata pushed forward well to add width to the right side of the attack.

Bouderbala and Merry Krim occasionally looked dangerous on the break and twice Bouderbala was brought down by Abdelghani. The first real chance however came to Egypt. The ball was swept into the area, headed on and although Gamal Hamid did well to beat Zaki to the ball his shot sailed over the bar.

El Khateib was taken off at half time to be replaced by Tarek Yehia but the change seemed to have little effect on the game.

Goalkeeper Zaki became involved in an argument with a ball boy who refused to return the ball to him and beer cans and stones rained down on the pitch for a few minutes. As tempers heated El Riyaz brought down a forward on the edge of the area and although I thought he was unlucky to be booked for his original foul he was equally lucky to stay on the pitch for his behaviour as the referee took his name.

It was from this free-kick that Tahir Abou Zeid hit the ball beautifully into the left corner of the net. If Zaki had stayed in the centre of his goal he might well have got a hand to it but at the vital moment he shuffled to his right to take a last look at the wall.

Egypt: El Batal-Shehata, Kassem, Omar, Yassein, Jerban, Abdou, Abdelghani, Gamal Hamid, Abou Zeid, El Khatib (Yehia).

Morocco: Zaki-Lamris, El Riyaz, Bouyahiaoui, Labd, Bouderbala, Rhiati, Dolmy, Khairi, Merry, Soulaimani (Fadili).

Third Place Match

Ivory Coast 3, Morocco 2

MOROCCO'S European-based stars abandoned them after the semi-final defeat and the reserves were left to play their part in this "losers' final" in front of a mere 3,000 fans.

Ivory Coast took the lead through Oumar Ben Salah after just nine minutes and Kouadio increased their lead six minutes before the interval. Abdul Fatah Rhiati pulled one back for Morocco in the 43rd minute but Kouadio restored the Ivory Coast advantage from a 66th-minute penalty.

Five minutes from the end Mohammed Sadil scored a second goal for Morocco, but try as they might in the dying minutes, it was Ivory Coast who deserved to finish third.

Classified Results

● NOTE: Reports and team line-ups of the African Cup of Nations finals are given in this issue on pages 12 and 13. The only matches with details repeated here are those involving World Cup finalists Algeria and Morocco. No results of the Gulf Cup are included because this is still continuing at Press time for this feature. It should be noted, however, that the Iraq team entered for the Gulf Cup was a reserve side and NOT the World Cup senior national team.

FEBRUARY 19

CORRECTION: Bulgaria line-up v Morocco (0-0 in Rabat) should read: Mikhailov — Yanchev (Diakov 46), Arabov, P. Petrov, G. Dimitrov, Sirakov, Gochev (Velichkov 60), Sadkov, S. Mladenov, Gospodinov, Getov (Iordanov 46).

FEBRUARY 20

Miami
Florida All-Stars 0
Canada 2 (Segota 28, Mobilio 81)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 10,000.

FEBRUARY 22

★★★ Khobar — Full international
Saudi Arabia 1 (Mohamed 16)
Algeria 1 (Bouiche 81)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 35,000.
Saudi Arabia: Dalej — Al-Neema, Erroumi, Abdel Jaoud, Ettakhifi — Khalifa, Ghourab, Khamis — All-Mossibh, Jeeman, Mohamed.
Algeria: Cerbah — Sadmi (Chabane), Mansouri, Megharia, Guendouz — Fergani, Yahi, Kaci Said (Bouiche) — Menad, Belhadj, Maroc.

Doha
Qatar 2 (Belal 49, Adel Khamis 50)
Servette 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,500.

★★★ Jakarta — Full international
Indonesia 2 (Rusion 22, Jacob 72)
Paraguay 3 (Ramon 7, Zavala 14, Canete 83)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 25,000.

★★★ Bahrain — Full international
Bahrain 0
Finland 0
Att: 6,000.

FEBRUARY 23

Goch, WG
Viktoria Goch 0
South Korea 2 (Lee Tae Ho 80 and 84)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Gatz (WG)

Irapuato
Irapuato 0
Soviet Union 2 (Kondratiev 41, Blokhin 44)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 15,000.

Split
Hajduk 1 (Zlatko Vujovic 47)
Czechoslovakia 1 (Lauda 14)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Glavina (Yug).

FEBRUARY 24

★★★ Manama — Full international
Bahrain 0
Finland 4 (Valvee 38, Tornvall 59, Ikalainen 85, Rasimus 89)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 10,000.

FEBRUARY 25

★★★ Dhahran — Full international
Saudi Arabia 1 (Al-Thani 66 pen)
Wales 2 (Slatter 47, G. Davies 60)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Farid Rabie (SAr).
S. Arabia: Samir Suleiman — Nasser Al-Mansour, Ahmed Jamil, Samir Abdul Sattar, Essam Sefian, Yousef Khamis (Abdul Gamad 56), Yousef Al-Thani, Ismail Hatemi, Jamal Mohammed (Abdullah Zaki 81), Abdullah Al-Harbi, Saeed Al-Nefisa.
Wales: Southall — Slatter, Ratcliffe, Jackett, Aizlewood — R. James (Lowndes 62), Nicholas, Phillips (D. Williams 78), Blackmore (M. Thomas 62) — G. Davies (M. Allen 85), Rush.

FEBRUARY 26

Brussels
Anderlecht 2 (De Greef 15, Lozano 47)
South Korea 3 (Lee Tae Ho 31, Kim Yong Boo 50, Kim Yoo Sung 77)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 1,100. **Ref:** Soenens (Bel).

★★★ St Georges — Full international
Grenada 1 (Drayton 32)
Norway 2 (Sundby 16, Skogheim 84)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 4,000.
Norway: By Rise — Hareide, Ahlsen, Sollied, Skogheim, Brandhaug, Bratseth (A. Möller 46), Osvold, Sundby, Okland, Fjörtoft (Sörloth 70).

★★★ Algiers — Full international
Algeria 4 (Menad 1, Zidane 4, Maroc 11 pen, Guendouz 40)
Mozambique 1 (Francisco Conde 89)
HT: 4-0. **Att:** 15,000.
Algeria: Drid — Merzekane (Sadmi), Chaib, Megharia, Guendouz — Maroc (Kechamil), Bouiche, Fergani (Benkhaledi), Menad — Harkouk, Zidane (Medane).
Mozambique: Chissequera — E. Conde, Armando, Joao, Matouse — Caldon, Mabote, Ybisse, Armade — G. Conde, F. Conde.

★★★ Ramat Gan — Full international
Israel 1 (Ohana 7)
England 2 (Robson 52 and 86)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Mercier (Swz).
Israel: Ram — Aharoni, Davidi (Aluf 42), Ivanir, A. Cohen, Shimonov — Sinai, Malmilian, Armeli — Turk (E. Cohen 56), Ohana (Rosenthal 63).
England: Shilton (Bailey 81) — Stevens, Martin, Butcher, Sansom — Hoddle, Robson, Wilkins, Beardsley — Dixon (Woodcock 54), Waddle (Barnes 81).

★★★ Paris — Full international
France 0
Northern Ireland 0
Att: 25,000. **Ref:** Constantin (Bel).
France: Bats — Ayache (Le Roux 46), Bossis, Battiston, Amoros — Giresse, Fernandez, Tusseau (Ferreri 65), Platini — Rocheteau, Papin.
N. Ireland: Jennings — Nicholl, J. O'Neill, McDonald, Donaghy — Clarke, McCreery (McClelland 80), McIlroy, Whiteside — Penney (Caughey 70), Quin (Armstrong 80).

Christchurch, NZ
New Zealand 0
Sov. Union B 2
HT: 0-2.

★★★ Doha — Full international
Qatar 1 (Belal 39)
Paraguay 1 (Dal Golo 86)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 3,000.

Cannes
Cannes 1 (Parodi 59)
Ivory Coast 2 (Kassy Kouaide 49, Traore 52)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,000.

Toulon
Toulon 2 (Roussey 66, 79)
Senegal 2 (Hamadou Diop 41, Kane 86)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 1,500. **Ref:** Dozol (Fr).

FEBRUARY 28

Sibenik (Yug)
Sibenik 1 (Maretic 75 pen)
Czechoslovakia 1 (Lauda 10)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 2,000.

Alexandria
Egypt 2 (Abou Zeid 29, El-Khatteib 62)
Rumania League XI 2 (Coras 2, Iorgulescu 50 pen)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 15,000.

Bangkok — King's Cup
Thailand B 0
Denmark XI 3 (Lundqvist 20, Paulsen 49, Jespersen 88)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 10,000.

MARCH 1

St Lucia
St Lucia 0
Norway XI 6 (Brandhaug 33, 77, 87 pen, Fjetland 52, 59, Sollied 50)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Douche (St Lucia).

MARCH 2

Alexandria
Egypt 0
Rumania League XI 1 (Gabor 38)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 12,000.

Bocholt (WG)
Bocholt 2 (Schulz 41 pen, Rudic 55)
South Korea 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 1,000. **Ref:** Reitz (WG).

MARCH 3

Monterrey
Mexico 1 (Flores 21)
Nacional (Uru) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 30,000.

MARCH 4

Leverkusen
Bayer Leverkusen 2 (Reinhardt 70, Götz 85)
South Korea 1 (Byun Byung Yoo 85 pen)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,000. **Ref:** Hassenmacher (WG).

Anklam (EG)
East Germany U21 0
Bulgaria U21 0
Att: 1,200. **Ref:** Czermarmazowicz (Pol).

MARCH 5

Veliko Tirnovo
Bulgaria 4 (Getov 25, S. Mladenov 27, Kostadinov 82, Pashev 84)
Rumania B 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 15,000.

Guadeloupe
Guadeloupe 1
Norway XI 2 (Sörloth 15 and 21)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 3,000. **Ref:** Relifox (Gdp).

Bangkok — King's Cup
North Korea 2
Denmark XI 4
HT: 1-3. **Att:** 9,000.

Bangkok — King's Cup
Thailand 1
South Korea B 2
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 15,000.

Baghdad
Iraq 1
Chelsea 1
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 30,000.

MARCH 6

Los Angeles
Mexico 1 (Negrete 27)
Denmark XI 1 (Simonsen 6)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Mauro (US).

Martinique
Martinique 0
Norway XI 1 (Sörloth 42)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Alexander (Mart).

MARCH 8

Jülich (WG)
Jülich 1 (Honold 52 pen)
South Korea 3 (Lee Tae Ho 43, 89, Cho Min Kook 51)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 350. **Ref:** Kohnen (WG).

★★★ Alexandria (Egypt) — African Cup of Nations
Algeria 0
Morocco 0
Att: 12,000. **Ref:** Ben Nasser (Tun).
Algeria: Drid — Sadmi, Megharia, Guendouz (Chaib 68), Mansouri — Kaci Said, Fergani, Maroc — Nacer Bouiche (Medane 65), Nasser Bouiche, Menad.
Morocco: Zaki — Khalifa, Biaz, Bouyahiaoui, Lemriss — Dolmy, Fadili, Haddaoui (Labied 85), Khairi (Khiati 81) — Bourdebala, Yacer.

★★★ Manama — Full international
Bahrein 1 (Ali Hassen 52)
Paraguay 2 (Ramon 30, Ordinaldo 85)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 4,000.

MARCH 9

Tecoma
Universidad Guadalajara 0
Uruguay 2 (Lemos 14, Cabrera 83)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 10,000.

MARCH 11

★★★ Alexandria — African Cup of Nations
Algeria 0
Zambia 0
Att: 6,000. **Ref:** Camara (Guinea).
Algeria: Drid — Sadmi, Megharia, Guendouz, Mansouri — Kaci Said, Fergani, Maric (Yahi) — Bensaoula, Menad, Madjer.

MARCH 12

★★★ Alexandria — African Cup of Nations
Cameroun 1 (Milla 60)
Morocco 1 (Krimau 73)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 6,000. **Ref:** Valdemarca (Zim).
Morocco: Zaki — Khalifa, Biaz, Bouyahiaoui, Lemriss — Dolmi, Al-Haddaoui (Hcina 70), Fadili, Bouderbala — Krimau, Aziz.

★★★ Frankfurt — Full international
West Germany 2 (Briegel 2, K. Allofs 88)
Brazil 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Agnolin (It).
W. Germany: Schumacher — Brehme, Jakobs (Buchwald 46), Herget, Briegel — Matthäus, Rolff, Magath, Thon — Mill (Gründel 79), K. Rummenigge (K. Allofs 46).
Brazil: Carlos — Edson, Mozer, Oscar, Dida — Muller (Marinho 74), Falcao, Socrates, Casagrande — Careca, Sidney (Eder 46).

★★★ Adana — Full international
Turkey 1 (Yusuf Altintas 23)
Switzerland 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 17,500. **Ref:** Golevk (Yug).
Turkey: Fatih — Abdulkerim — Ismail, Yusuf, Erdogan — Metin (Selcuk 59), Hüseyin, Unal — Tanju (Hassan 89), Cüneyt (Gökhan 87), Erdel Keser.
Switzerland: Burgener — Botteron, Geiger, Egli, In-Albon — Wehrli (Cina 80), Bregy (Koller 70), Hermann, Sutter (Decastel 37) — Sulser, Matthey.

★★★ Leipzig — Full international
East Germany 0
Holland 1 (Van Basten 12)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 22,000. **Ref:** Wöhrer (Aus).
E. Germany: Müller — Rohde — Kreer, Sänger, Zötzsche — Pilz, Liebers, Ernst (Lesser 61), Stübner — Kirsten, Thom.
Holland: Hiele — Silooy, Koeman, Boeve — Wouters, Van Tiggelen, Vanenburg, Valke — Van Basten, Gullit, De Wit.

★★★ Manama — Full international
Bahrain 2
Iceland 1
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 2,000.

Halle
East Germany Olympic 0
Holland B 0
Att: 3,000. **Ref:** Losert (Aus).

Koblenz
West Germany U21 0
South Korea 0
Att: 6,000. **Ref:** Ponnet (Bel).

Gothenburg — Euro U21 chp qtr-fnl, 1st leg
Sweden 1 (Larsson 84 pen)
Italy 1 (Borgonovo 72)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 1,000. **Ref:** Schoeters (Bel).

Auxerre — E21 qtr-fnl, 1st leg
France 1 (Ferrer 75)
Spain 3 (Beguiristian 13, Andrinus 55, Eusebio 61)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Damgaard (Den).

Copenhagen — E21 qtr-fnl, 1st leg
Denmark 0
England 1 (Pickering 74)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 1,600.

★★★ Alexandria — African Cup of Nations
Algeria 2 (Madjer 60, Maroc 71)
Cameroon 3 (Kana 65, 68, Milla 70)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Badou (Gambia).
Algeria: Drid — Sadmi, Chaib, Guendouz, Merzekane — Maroc, Fergani, Madjer, Medane (Yahi 74) — Bensaoula (Benkhalidi 46), Menad.

★★★ Alexandria — African Cup of Nations
Morocco 1 (Chilengi own goal 20)
Zambia 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Bantsimba (Congo).
Morocco: Zaki — Khalifa, Biaz, Bouyahiaoui, Hcina — Fadili, Dolmy, Bouderbala — Labied (Ghiati 84), Krimau, Khari.

MARCH 16

★★★ Budapest — Full international
Hungary 3 (Detari 5, K. Kovacs 59, Esterhazy 79)
Brazil 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 70,000. **Ref:** Wöhrer (Aus)
Hungary: P. Disztl — Sallai, Garaba (Csuhay 60), Kardos, Varga — Hannich, A. Nagy, Detari — Kiprich (K. Kovacs 46), Bognar (Burcsa 9), Esterhazy.
Brazil: Leao — Edson, Oscar, Mozer, Dida — Elzo, Silas, Alemao — Renato, Casagrande, Sidney (Muller 65).

Doha
Qatar 3
Rumania League XI 1
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 4,000.

MARCH 18

Monaco
Monaco 1 (Christen 51)
South Korea 4 (Park Chang Sun 20 pen, Kim Pyung Suk 27, 70, Kim Sam Soo 89)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 2,000.

Baghdad
Iraq 0
Rumania League XI 0
Att: 25,000.

★★★ Caira — African Cup of Nations semi-final
Egypt 1 (Mustafa Abdou 78)
Morocco 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 100,000. **Ref:** Tesfaye (Eth).
Morocco: Zaki — Khalifa — Biaz, Bouyahiaoui, Lemriss — Dolmy, Khairi (Fettah 46), Slimani, Fadili — Bouderbala, Krimau.

MARCH 19

Opole — E21 qtr-fnl, 1st leg
Poland 1 (Marciniak 76)
Hungary 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Halle (Nor).

★★★ Kuwait — Full international
Kuwait 1 (Faisal Al-Dakheel 32)
Iceland 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 30,000.

★★★ Cairo — African Cup, third-place match
Ivory Coast 3 (Bensai 8, Kassy 20 and 69)
Morocco 2 (Fettah 44, Mohamed 78)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Valdemarca (Zim).
Morocco: Hmied — Khalifa, Bouyahaoui, Hcina, Bidane — Yakdani (Fadili 46), Moncef, Jamal, Slimani — Mohamed, Fettah.

MARCH 21

★★★ Cairo — African Cup of Nations Final
Egypt 0
Cameroon 0
Egypt 5-4 on penalties
(Full details (and other African Cup Finals matches — See Pages 12 and 13).

San Jose (US)
Mexico 0
Santos (Brz) 0
Att: 25,000.

MARCH 26

★★★ Athens — Full international
Greece 2 (Anastopulos 62 pen, Saravakos 65)
East Germany 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Kolokithas (Gr).
Greece: Sarganis — Mihos — Apostolagis, Manolas, Mavridis (Antoniou 75) — Bonovas, Skartados, Alavantas — Saravakos (Samaras 87), Anastopulos, Mitropulos (Xanthopulos 71).
E. Germany: Müller — Rohde — Sänger, Stahmann, Zötzsche — Pilz, Minge (Stübner 69), Liebers, Thom — Kirsten (Doll 68), Strässer.

★★★ Udine — Full international
Italy 2 (Altobelli 55, Di Gennaro 76)
Austria 1 (Polster 3)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 28,128. **Ref:** Sanchez Arminio (Sp).
Italy: Tancredi (Galli 46) — Nela, Cabrini, Bagni, Vierchowod, Scirea, Vialli, Ancelotti, Rossi (Galderisi 25), Di Gennaro, Altobelli.
Austria: Lindenberger — Lainer, Degeorgi, Kienast, Pezzey, Brauneder, Drabits (Pacult 46), Linzmaier, Polster, Willfurth, Türmer.

★★★ Paris — Full international
France 2 (Ferreri 15, Vercruysse 84)
Argentina 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 43,000. **Ref:** Gächter (Swz).
France: Bats — Ayache, Battiston (Le Roux 55), Bossis, Amoros — Fernandez, Tigana, Vercruysse, Ferreri — Xuereb (Stopyra 75), Bellone (Rocheteau 26).
Argentina: Pumpido — Clausen, Passarella, Ruggeri, Garre — Guisti, Batista, Burruchaga, Maradona — Borghi, Valdano.

★★★ Belfast — Full international
Northern Ireland 1 (McDonald 39)
Denmark 1 (Christensen 79)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Gifford (Wal).
N. Ireland: Jennings — Donaghy, Worthington, J. O'Neill, McDonald, McCreery (Armstrong 46), Penney, McIlroy, Clarke (Quinn 70), Whiteside, Steward (Caughey 70).
Denmark: Rasmussen — Sivebaek, K. Nielsen, M. Olsen (Frimann 46), Bartram, Molby, Lauridsen, J. Olsen, Simonsen (Christensen 46), Berggren, Laudrup (H. Andersen 67).

★★★ Dublin — Full international
Rep. Ireland 0
Wales 1 (Rush 17)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 16,500. **Ref:** Hope (Scot).
Rep. Ireland: Peyton — Langan, Beglin, Anderson (McCarthy 50), O'Leary, Brady, McGrath, Houghton, Aldridge, Robinson (P. Byrne 71), Whelan.
Wales: Southall (Norman 66) — R. James, Jackett, Nicholas, Charles, J. Jones, Lowndes, Phillips, Rush, Blackmore, Davies (Saunders 61).

★★★ Glasgow — Full international
Scotland 3 (Strachan 18, Gough 27, Aitken 82)
Rumania 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 53,589. **Ref:** Roth (WG).
Scotland: Goram — Gough, Malpas, Souness, Narey, Miller (Hansen 60), Dalglish, Strachan (Nevin 72), Sharp (Nicholas 46), Aitken, Bannon. * Dalglish was making his 100th appearance for Scotland.
Rumania: Lung — Rednic, Movila, Ungureanu, Andone (Cireasa 75), Iorgulescu (Nicolae 46), Coras (Gabor 70), Klein, Camataru, Mateut, Hagi.

★★★ Tbilisi — Full international
Soviet Union 0
England 1 (Waddle 67)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 62,500. **Ref:** Tsonchev (Bul).
Sov. Union: Dassayev — Bessonov (Litovchenk 57), Chivadze, Demianenko, Bubnov, Kuznetsov, Gotsmanov, Zavarov (Dobrobolsky 75), Alienikov, Kondratiev, Rodionov (Blokhin 57).
England: Shilton — Anderson, Sansom, Hoddle, Wright, Butcher, Cowans (Hodge 53), Wilkins, Beardsley, Lineker, Waddle (Steven 75).

★★★ Cadiz — Full international
Spain 3 (Butragueno 20, Caldere 29, Salinas 48)
Poland 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Lartigot (Fr).
Spain: Zubizarreta — Tomas, Goicoechea (Carrasco 73), Gallego, Camacho — Michel (Señor 46),

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Francisco, Julio Alberto (Gordillo 46), Caldere — Julio Salina, Butragueno (Rincon 78).

Poland: Mlynarczyk — Majewski, Wojcicki (Palasz 77), Przybys, Ostrowski (Pawlak 72), Matysik, Buncol, Urban (Tarasiewicz 64), Boniek, Dziekanowski, Zgutczynski (Baran 64).

Budapest — E21 qtr-fnl, 2nd leg
Hungary 5 (Dajka 47, Kovacs 57, Szekeres 68, 71, Fitos 83)
Poland 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Dochev (Bul).
Hungary 5-1 on agg.

Baku
Sov. Union Olympic XI 1 (Yaremchuk 12)
Rumania Olympic XI 1 (Augustin 34)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Divin (Hun).

Murcia — E21 qtr-fnl, 2nd leg
Spain 3 (Victor 21, Bustingorri 56 pen, Eloy 70)
France 1 (Ribar 73)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Geurds (Hol).
Spain 6-2 on agg.

Main Road, Manchester — E21 qtr-fnl, 2nd leg
England 1 (Elliott 69)
Denmark 1 Pierre Larsen 20)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 1,592. **(* Elliott also sent off, 87).**
England 2-1 on agg.

Stanke Dimitrov
Bulgaria Olym. 1 (Mitev 53)
East Germany Olym. 1 (Busse 52)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Ecksztein (Pol).

Athens (Egaleo)
Greece U21 0
East Germany U21 0
Att: 5,000. **Ref:** Dimitriadis (Gr).

MARCH 29

Naples
Napoli 1 (Pecci 39)
Argentina 2 (Pasculli 7, Garre 11)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 37,119. **Ref:** D'Elia (It).

Argentina: Islas — Giusti, Garre, Burruchaga, Ruggeri, Passarella, Pasculli, Batista (Martino 46), Borghi (Tapia 56), Maradonna, Almiron (Bochini 67).

Bergamo — E21 qtr-fnl 2nd leg
Italy 2 (Baldieri 6, Vialli 84)
Sweden 1 (Lonn 26)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 13,374. **Ref:** Igna (Rum).
Italy 3-2 on agg.

MARCH 30

Queretaro
Mexico 5 (Cruz 47, Dominguez 65, 76, Muñoz 70, Negrete 89)
Argentinos Juniors 1 (Olguin 81 pen)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 30,000.

APRIL 1

Zurich
Grasshoppers 0
Argentina 1 (Almiron 78)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Rothilsberger (Swz).

Argentina: Pumpido (Islas 46) — Clausen, Garre, Ruggeri, Martino, Passarella, Pasculli (Almiron 46), Guisti, Borghi (Bochini 46), Maradonna, Tapia (Dertycia 62).

★★★ Sao Luis — Full international
Brazil 4 (Casagrande 11, 52, Alemao 80 pen, Careca 89)
Peru 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Arnaldo Coelho (Brz).

Brazil: Paulo Vitor — Edson, Oscar, Mauro Galvao, Branco — Elzo, Falcao, Socrates (Alemao 46), Renato (Muller 46) — Casagrande (Careca 60), Eder. * Eder sent off 30.

Peru: Valdetaro — Castro, Reynoso, Isusqui, Alcazar, Vasquez, Martinez, Cabarillas, Loyola, Caballero, Torrealba (Correa).

APRIL 3

Montevideo
Uruguay 1 (Francescoli 27 pen)
San Lorenzo (Arg) 1 (Noble 70)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,000.

Baghdad
Iraq 2 (Khalil 1, Basil 41)
America Rio 2 (Renato 37, Madhi own goal 71)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 30,000.

SOUTH AMERICAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (Libertadores Cup)

GROUP 2 — MARCH 13
America (Columbia) 0
Deportivo Cali (Columbia) 0
Att: 30,000. **Ref:** Edison Perez (Peru).

America: Falcioni, Luna, Soto, Viafara, Porras, Sarmiento, Cabañas, Ischia, Ortiz, Gareca, Herrera.

Dep. Cali: Fernandez, Hoyos, Escobar, Murillo, Polo, Redin, Ambuila, Valderrama, Nunes, Angulo, Gonzalez.

MARCH 19
America (Columbia) 0
Cobresal (Chile) 0
Att: 15,000. **Ref:** Elias Jacome (Ecuador)

America: Falcioni, Luna, Espinosa, Viafara, Porras, Ischia (Avila), Sarmiento, Cabañas, Ortiz, Gareca, Herrera (Battaglia).

Cobresal: Acuña, Reyes, Huerta, Araya, Bigorra, Valenzuela, Suazo, Pedrero, Salgado, Pedetti, Martinez (Mondaca).

MARCH 22
Deportivo Cali (Colombia) 1 (Angulo)
Cobresal (Chile) 1 (Pedetti)
Att: 20,000. **Ref:** Jorge Oreyana (Ecuador).

Dep Cali: Fernandez, Polo, Murillo, Escobar, Hoyos, Nunes, Ambuila, Valderrama, Angulo, Ferreira (Estrada), Gonzalez.

Cobresal: Acuña, Reyes, Araya, Huertas, Bigorra, Valenzuela, Pedreros, Suazo, Salgado, peletti, Martinez.

ARGENTINA: First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
River Plate	32	22	8	2	67	20	52
Newell's Old Boys	33	13	15	5	39	27	41
Deportivo Español	32	15	10	7	37	32	40
Argentinos Juniors	32	14	10	8	42	38	38
Boco Juniors	32	12	13	7	48	40	37
Ferro Carril Oeste	32	11	14	7	42	30	36
San Lorenzo	32	13	10	9	34	24	36
Velez Sarsfield	33	11	10	12	44	43	32
Gimnasia y Esgrima La Plata	32	9	14	9	26	32	32
Talleres Córdoba	32	8	15	9	35	33	31
Independiente	32	13	5	14	31	29	31
Instituto Córdoba	32	9	11	12	27	29	29
Huracán	33	9	11	13	40	43	29
Temperley	32	8	13	11	38	49	29
Unión Sta Fe	33	8	11	14	23	35	28
Estundiantes de La Plata	32	9	6	17	26	39	24
Racing Córdoba	32	6	12	14	30	46	24
Platense	32	7	10	15	28	44	24
Chacarita Juniors	32	5	10	17	21	45	20

Lowest relegation averages (points obtained in last three seasons — bottom two relegated): Racing Córdoba 31.3; Temperley 31; Platense 30.3; Huracán 29.3; Chacarita Juniors 27.

BRAZIL: Carioca (Guanabara State) League (first round)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Vasco da Gama	5	4	1	0	14	3	9
Flamengo	5	4	1	0	14	3	9
Fluminense	5	4	0	1	8	4	8
Bangu	5	3	1	1	7	4	7
Campo Grande	5	2	2	1	4	3	6
Botafogo	5	2	1	2	4	4	5
America	5	2	0	3	5	7	4
Claria	5	0	3	2	2	6	3
Americano	5	0	3	2	1	6	3
Goytacaz	5	1	1	3	3	9	3
Portuguesa	5	0	2	3	2	13	2
Mesquita	5	0	1	4	1	10	1

PERU: Decentralised Championship (final standing)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Univers Tecnica Catamarja	30	19	8	3	56	27	46
Alianza Lima	30	15	9	6	36	18	39
Universitario de Deportes	29	15	8	6	50	24	38
Deportes Municipal	30	11	13	6	34	26	36
Espartanos	29	11	12	6	33	21	34
Carlos Manucci	29	12	10	7	38	28	34
Colegio Nacional Iquitos	30	11	8	11	39	26	30
Melgar FC	29	9	12	8	51	36	30
O. Espinoso	30	10	9	11	32	32	29
Sporting Cristal	30	11	5	14	37	43	27
Sport Boys	30	7	12	11	23	32	26
La Joya	30	8	7	15	32	50	23
Asoc. Deportiva Tarma	30	8	6	16	24	48	22
Huancayo FC	30	7	9	14	30	42	22
Bolognesi	29	7	7	14	29	42	21
Alfonso Ugarte	29	6	4	19	19	72	16

(* Leading five clubs — excluding already qualified Universitario de Deportes — play off for second Libertadores Cup place.)

VENEZUELA: Professional Championship

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Central group					
Deportivo Italia	7	5	1	1	11
Caracas FC	7	3	3	1	9
Maritimo	8	3	2	2	8
Mineros de Guayana	7	2	3	2	7
Anzoategui	7	2	1	4	5
Univ. Central Venezuela	7	—	2	5	2
Western group					
Tachira	6	4	1	1	9
Zamora	5	2	2	1	6
Estudiantes Merida	6	2	2	2	6
Portuguesa	5	2	1	2	5
Unión Española de Lara	6	1	—	5	2

ECUADOR

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barcelona	4	3	1	0	6	3	7
Audax Octubrino	4	3	0	1	9	5	6
Emelec	4	2	1	1	6	1	5
Dep. Quito	4	2	1	1	6	3	5
Macara	4	1	2	1	5	6	4
U. Catolica	4	0	1	3	3	8	1
America	4	0	0	4	3	8	0
GROUP B							
LDU Quito	4	3	1	0	10	0	7
Nacional	4	3	1	0	7	2	7
Filanbanco	4	2	1	1	5	2	5
Esmeraldas P.	4	2	0	4	2	6	4
LDU Portoviejo	4	2	0	2	3	10	4
9 de Octubre	4	1	0	3	5	7	2
Dep. Cuenca	4	0	2	2	0	3	2
Tecnico Un.	4	0	1	3	2	5	1

URUGUAY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Penarol	3	3	0	0	4	0	6
Progreso	4	2	2	0	3	1	6
Defensor	4	2	1	1	6	5	5
Bella Vista	3	2	1	0	4	2	5
Cerro	4	1	2	1	5	4	4
Nacional	3	2	0	1	2	1	4
Wanderers	3	0	3	0	5	5	3
Huracan B	4	1	1	2	4	7	3
Rampla	4	1	1	2	3	6	3
Danublo	4	1	1	2	4	5	3
River	4	1	1	2	3	6	3
C. Espanol	4	0	2	2	2	4	2
Fenix	4	0	1	3	2	6	1

JAPAN — FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Furukawa	22	15	5	2	40	15	35
Nippon Kokan	22	13	2	2	39	22	28
Honda	22	8	12	2	30	20	28
Fujita	22	9	8	5	31	17	26
Nissan Motors	22	8	8	6	23	29	24
Yamaha Motors	22	9	5	8	20	21	23
Mitsubishi	22	8	6	8	29	19	22
Hitachi	22	8	5	9	26	33	21
Yomiuri FC	22	7	5	10	28	31	19
Yanmar Diesel	22	6	6	10	20	27	18
Sumitomo Metal	22	6	3	13	21	32	15
ANA Yokohama SC	22	2	1	19	16	57	5

Top scorer: Yoshida Hiroshi (Furukawa) 16.

PORTUGAL — FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Porto	30	22	5	3	64	20	49
Benfica	30	21	5	4	54	13	47
Sporting	30	20	6	4	64	20	46
Guimaraes	30	16	8	6	49	29	40
Boavista	30	14	8	8	44	29	36
Chaves	30	11	7	12	28	37	29
Belenenses	30	7	14	9	27	28	28
Portimonense	30	11	6	13	29	32	28
Braga	30	9	8	13	34	47	26
Academica	30	9	7	14	28	38	25
Salgueiros	30	9	7	14	21	37	25
Maritimo	30	8	6	16	26	50	22
Aves	30	7	8	15	25	42	22
Setubal	30	7	8	15	32	42	22
Penafiel	30	4	10	16	16	38	18
Covilha	30	5	7	18	23	61	17

SWITZERLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Grasshoppers	22	13	3	6	46	18	32
Young Boys	22	13	3	6	49	21	32
Xamax	22	13	5	4	60	20	30
Sion	22	11	6	5	43	26	27
Lucerne	22	10	5	7	42	34	27
Zurich	22	10	6	6	49	36	26
Basel	22	8	6	8	31	23	24
Serrvette	22	11	9	2	37	36	24
Aarau	22	9	8	5	47	38	23
Lausanne	22	7	7	7	40	43	22
St. Gall	21	8	9	4	32	35	20
Wettingen	22	6	10	6	30	31	18
La Chaux-de-Fonds	21	3	9	9	18	41	15
Granges	22	4	14	4	25	57	12
Vevey	22	4	14	4	23	57	12
Baden	22	1	17	4	10	66	6

PARAGUAY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Olimpia	5	4	1	0	10	2	9
Guarani	5	2	3	0	6	3	7
Cerro Porteno	5	3	0	2	8	6	6
Libertad	5	2	2	1	6	5	6
Sol de America	5	2	1	2	5	4	5
Colegiales	5	2	1	2	6	6	5
Sp. Luqueno	5	1	1	3	6	8	3
Sport Colombia	5	0	3	2	5	8	3
Nacional	5	1	1	3	7	12	3

TURKEY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Galatrsaray	30	16	14	0	48	17	46
Besihtas	30	17	11	2	46	18	45
Samsunspor	30	14	9	7	45	23	37
Sariyer	30	12	12	6	29	20	36
Trabzonspor	31	12	11	8	33	20	35
Fenerbahce	30	11	13	6	30	27	35
Ankaragucu	30	11	11	8	37	35	33
Eskisehirspor	30	14	4	12	53	43	32
Genclerbirligi	30	10	11	9	36	44	31
Altry	31	9	11	11	35	35	29
Kocaelispor	30	10	7	13	32	41	27
Denizlispor	31	9	8	14	29	32	26
Malatyaspor	30	8	10	12	39	44	26
Bursaspor	30	7	12	11	27	32	26
Zonguldakspor	31	9	8	14	32	39	26
Rizespor	30	8	8	14	20	33	24
Orduspor	30	8	6	16	28	52	22
Sakaryaspor	31	8	5	18	39	56	21
Kayserispor	31	4	11	16	26	53	19

FRANCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Paris S-G	37	22	10	5	63	32	54
Nantes	37	20	12	5	32	26	52
Bordeaux	37	18	12	7	54	45	48
Lens	37	15	12	10	51	43	42
Metz	37	15	11	11	53	34	41
Toulouse	37	17	7	13	58	44	41
Auxerre	37	15	9	13	43	39	39
Nice	37	14	10	13	38	43	38
Monaco	37	9	18	10	48	41	36
Laval	37	11	13	13	39	41	35
Lille	37	13	9	15	39	48	35
Marseilles	37	11	11	15	42	38	33
Nancy	37	13	7	17	45	50	33
Rennes	37	12	9	16	35	40	33
Brest	37	13	7	17	52	62	33
Sochaux	37	11	11	15	46	56	33
Toulon	37	9	14	14	42	45	32
Le Havre	37	11	10	16	48	52	32
Strasbourg	37	10	10	17	35	53	30
Bastia	37	5	10	22	29	76	20

ENGLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	39	23	10	6	81	37	79
Everton	38	24	7	7	78	38	79
West Ham	37	22	6	9	66	34	72
Man Utd	40	21	9	10	65	35	72
Chelsea	38	20	11	7	55	45	71
Sheff Wed	39	19	9	11	58	51	66
Nottm For	40	18	10	12	67	52	64
Luton	40	17	11	12	57	41	62
Arsenal	38	18	8	12	44	42	62
Newcastle	40	16	12	12	64	69	60
Tottenham	39	16	8	15	60	45	56
Watford	38	15	9	14	60	56	54
Q.P.R.	40	15	7	18	50	57	52
Southampton	38	12	9	17	44	47	45
Man City	39	11	11	17	41	52	44
Aston Villa	40	9	14	17	41	52	44
Coventry	40	10	10	20	46	69	40
Leicester	39	9	12	18	52	70	39
Ipswich	39	10	8	21	28	50	38
Oxford	38	8	12	18	55	75	36
Birmingham	40	8	5	27	30	67	29
W.B.A.	39	4	10	25	30	83	22

ALBANIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dinamo	19	14	5	0	43	13	33
Flamurtari	19	11	6	2	33	15	28
17 Nentori	19	12	3	4	41	23	27
Lokomotiva	19	6	10	3	23	15	22
Vilaznia	19	8	5	6	34	22	21
Partizani	19	7	6	6	22	24	20
Apolonia	19	6	7	6	23	27	19
Luftetari	19	6	5	8	18	24	17
Tomori	19	6	4	9	22	27	16
Traktori	19	5	6	8	18	33	16
Labinoti	19	5	4	10	17	26	14
Naftetari	19	4	5	10	17	31	13
Beselidhja	19	1	9	9	9	18	11
Shkendija	19	2	5	12	10	32	9

AUSTRIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
First Vienna	5	3	1	1	8	4	7
Eisenstadt	5	3	1	1	7	3	7
Voest Linz	5	3	1	1	7	4	7
Wiener SK	6	3	0	3	9	5	6
Alpine Donawitz	5	2	1	2	9	6	5
Spittal	5	2	0	3	4	8	4
Vorwarts	5	1	2	2	2	7	4
Salzburger AK	6	0	2	4	1	10	2

CHAMPIONSHIP GROUP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria V.	28	22	3	3	87	20	47
Rapid	28	19	7	2	82	20	45
Linzer ASK	28	12	8	8	43	33	32
Innsbruck	28	9	9	10	52	50	27
Grazer AK	28	10	7	11	41	48	27
Sturm Graz	28	6	15	7	31	40	27
Austra K.	28	7	11	10	38	52	25
Admira Wacker	28	8	8	12	42	47	24

BELGIUM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Anderlecht	32	21	8	3	79	31	50
Brugge	32	20	8	4	68	31	48
Standard	32	14	11	7	55	29	39
Gand	32	14	10	8	48	37	38
Beveren	32	14	9	9	29	37	37
Liege	32	14	8	10	42	35	36
Beerschot	32	11	13	8	41	40	35
Waregem	32	14	6	12	47	34	34
Cercle	32	12	9	11	53	44	33
Anversa	32	10	13	9	35	40	33
Malines	32	7	16	9	34	43	30
Charlerol	32	10	7	16	40	58	27
Lokeren	32	9	8	15	45	63	26
RWDM	32	8	9	15	34	54	25
Seraing	32	6	11	15	21	37	23
Courtral	32	7	8	17	35	51	22
Waterschel	32	6	9	17	23	55	21
Lierse	32	5	10	17	29	59	20

● **LATEST: Anderlecht and Brugge ended season level on points and play off for title on April 30 and May 7.**

BULGARIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Beroe	28	18	4	6	52	36	39
Trakia	28	16	6	6	74	35	37
Slavia	28	16	4	8	61	30	35
Lokomotiv P.	28	14	3	11	50	33	31
Vitosha	28	13	5	10	52	36	30
Sredets	28	14	2	12	50	37	30
Silven	28	12	7	9	44	43	30
Spartak V.	28	10	9	9	29	28	28
Lokomotiv S.	28	11	5	12	43	43	26
Etar	28	11	4	13	47	56	26
Akademik	28	11	4	13	36	43	26
Vratsa	28	9	4	15	41	59	22
Pirin	28	8	5	15	33	46	20
Dunav	28	9	4	15	30	54	20
Cherno More	28	9	2	17	45	55	19
Pleven	28	7	4	17	29	62	17

CYPRUS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Apoel	24	20	3	1	54	11	43
Omonia	24	16	7	1	50	20	39
Apollon	24	14	6	4	44	23	34
Anartosi	24	12	6	6	34	25	30
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Union Berlin	20	8	7	5	27	21	23
Stahl R.	20	9	5	6	21	18	23
Lok	19	8	5	6	22	16	21
Karl Marx-Stadt	19	7	7	5	24	23	21
Magdeburg	20	6	9	5	28	28	21
Dynamo Dresden	19	7	6	6	30	30	20
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Stahl Riesa	20	6	6	8	21	28	18
Rot Weiss	20	4	9	7	30	27	17
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Roda	26	12	6	8	54	38	30
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